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The Honorable Martin Heinrich
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Heinrich:

Thank you for your inquiry into the status of the Operationally Responsive Space (ORS) program at Kirtland Air Force Base.

The Air Force is committed to keeping the ORS office in place and at Kirtland Air Force Base at least through Fiscal Year 2014. The ORS office has been realigned under the Space and Missile Systems Center (SMC) Commander as directed by the FY13 National Defense Authorization Act, but will remain separate from other SMC organizations. We will maintain the current ORS staff, to include contracted efforts of 31 Full Time Equivalents spread over 33 individuals, for on-going ORS projects and activities during the aforementioned time period.

We understand this program is important to you and will keep you informed of the disposition of the ORS-2 option once the Executive Committee decision is made. We expect this decision to be made in November 2013. The Air Force is committed to ORS concepts and will continue to work on a strategic plan, which will incorporate ORS concepts across the space portfolio. Once approved, we will present this plan to you. We are grateful for your continued support of the United States Air Force.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Thomas W. Bergeson". The signature is fluid and cursive.

THOMAS W. BERGESON
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