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The Honorable Susan M. Collins
Member of the United States Senate
172 Russell Senate Building
First and C Streets, Northeast
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Collins:

The Federal Surplus Property Overseas Program was established as a pilot program in 1968 to return excess personal property housed in foreign countries to the United States taxpayers through the Federal Donation Program. The Pilot Program exceeded expectations, and was established by Public Law 91-426.

Since that time, the NASASP Overseas Program has provided countless pieces of equipment and supplies to our nation's municipalities, schools and other nonprofit organizations. Costs of screening and shipping are borne by the state agency and the donee receiving the property. Heavy equipment returned to the taxpayers through this valuable program has enabled our municipalities to provide water services to our rural areas and maintain the streets of our local governments. Medical supplies obtained through the Overseas Program assist our nation's first responders in their mission of supporting our communities in times of need.

Our Association stands ready to screen and donate property and supplies from Iraq and throughout the Persian Gulf theater of operations. The American taxpayers served by our program through eligible organizations are eagerly anticipating the return of equipment that will enable them to continue their services in these difficult economic times.

But our planning is on hold until we learn from the Department of Defense when we can begin screening, where the property will be, and what quantities and types of equipment and supplies will be available to us. By now, Central Command must be well into its planning process for the disposal of this property. We would greatly appreciate any information relating to this disposal that you would be able to provide.

I greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter, and I am fully prepared to discuss this issue with you in greater detail at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Scott E. Pepperman, President
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