

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

June 23, 2011

Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Obama,

We are pleased to hear that you will be visiting the Quad Cities on June 28, 2011. It is a dynamic community containing many businesses that are important drivers of our economy.

As you may recall from your time in the Senate representing the people of Illinois, one of the features that makes the Quad Cities area unique is the Rock Island Arsenal. The Arsenal provides manufacturing, logistics and base support for our military and does so efficiently. This Arsenal has a wealth of history in our country and is the largest government-owned weapons manufacturing arsenal in the United States. It is even designated as a National Historic Landmark.

We also understand that during your visit you will be highlighting the significance of manufacturing in communities across the United States. We agree that helping revitalize our manufacturing sector is critical to our economic success as a nation. The Arsenal provides a manufacturing base that is second to none and provides critical economic revitalization to those communities that you are referring to, communities like the one surrounding the Rock Island Arsenal.

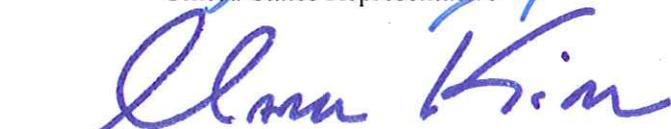
During your visit to Davenport this Tuesday, we would like to invite you to visit the Rock Island Arsenal and see how important it is not just to the Quad Cities community, but also the nation as a whole.

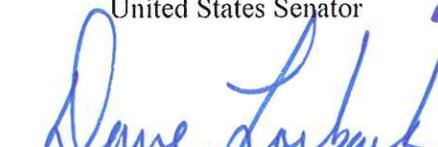
Thank you for your attention to our request. We wish you a safe and enjoyable trip.

Sincerely,


Bobby Schilling
United States Representative


Chuck Grassley
United States Senator


Mark Kirk
United States Senator


Dave Loebsack
United States Representative


Bruce Braley
United States Representative