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March 30, 2012

The Honorable Janet Napolitano  
Department of Homeland Security  
500 C Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20472

Dear Secretary Napolitano:

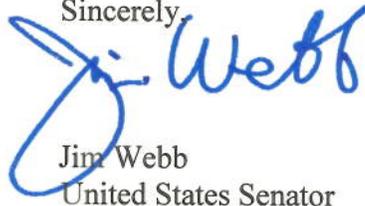
I write to you concerning the decision to terminate funding to the Hampton Roads region under the Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI) grant program. For the previous five years Hampton Roads has been included in this risk-based program. Last year I expressed concern that funding for Hampton Roads had been reduced from \$7 million to \$5.16 million. This year funding has been completely eliminated.

I understand that the Department utilizes a risk assessment formula which attempts to quantify the threat to an urban area, the vulnerability of that area, and the consequences of an attack. I further understand that domestic threats were considered in the calculation for the first time this year.

What I fail to understand is how any such calculation could result in the exclusion of an urban area which houses such a large concentration of major U.S. naval and military assets. These assets include NATO's Allied Command Transformation, the Navy's Fleet Forces Command, and the Air Force's Air Combat Command, as well as such major installations as Fort Eustis, Langley Air Force Base, Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk Naval Shipyard, Naval Air Station Oceana, and the Naval Amphibious Base at Little Creek. The area is also home to one of the most important commercial ports in the Eastern United States.

I would like a report from the Department explaining the exclusion of Hampton Roads from this program, as well as any measures DHS has taken to mitigate the loss of this funding.

Sincerely,



Jim Webb  
United States Senator