

# United States Senate

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Colonel Robert Suminsby  
377<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing Commander  
United States Air Force  
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Albuquerque, NM 87117

Dear Colonel Suminsby:

I am writing to you today regarding the Kirtland Amateur Radio Club (KARC) and their use of KAFB Building 509 for their radio network equipment. This issue was brought to my attention by the NM Department of Homeland Security. They and many other municipal, county, and state emergency response organizations are very concerned about possibly losing the KARC and the assistance that they provide during times of need.

According to information that I have received Building 509 is part of the Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) program that has been in process for quite some time. While I strongly support the EUL and the efforts of KAFB to make full use of the facility I am concerned about the KARC. It is my understanding that there are several options available to both KAFB and the KARC. I would like to urge you and your staff to once again make all possible efforts to see that the KARC is permitted to stay in Building 509 and that this issue is addressed in a manner that will lead to a long-term resolution.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact Annie Chávez (202) 224-3882 on my staff if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

  
Jeff Bingaman  
U.S. Senator

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