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United States Senate
WASHINGTON, DC 20510-3101

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Colonel Robert Suminsby
377th Air Base Wing Commander
United States Air Force
2000 Wyoming SE
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87117

Dear Colonel Suminsby:

I am writing to you regarding the Kirtland Air Force Base Radio Club and its use of building 509.

It is my understanding the radio club has been informed building 509, which it utilizes as its radio hub, is part of the enhanced use lease program planned by the base and that the radio club must vacate this location. I have been told that the club provides support to the Albuquerque police and fire departments, works extensively with Civil Air Patrol and provides communicate support to search and rescue teams throughout the state of New Mexico. The club also administers amateur radio emergency services (ARES) for the state and operates as the primary backup for emergency communications for government agencies in the state.

For these reasons I respectfully request that you or the appropriate members of your staff meet with members of the club to discuss their work and consider possible ways to keep the club's radio hub linked to the base and located in building 509, consistent with all rules, laws, and regulations.

Thank you for your attention to this request. Should you have any questions please contact Tara Shaw of my Washington staff at (202) 224-7086.

Sincerely,



Pete V. Domenici
United States Senator

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