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Friends:

Contgratulations on the opening of the new MEDC Michigan Defense Center Headquarters in Macomb County.

Locating the new office in the hub of the Michigan's "Defense Corridor" will provide a real benefit and advantage to Department of Defense entities, our growing defense industry and southeastern Michigan's economy. I commend you on your decision to provide those you serve with easy access to helpful resources.

As you gather today in Macomb County, the Senate Armed Services Committee, of which I am Chairman, is holding hearings on the Department of Defense budget request for Fiscal Year 2013. The Pentagon is outlining a vision for a much leaner but technologically superior military, and Michigan is well positioned to take advantage of that strategy. Our strengths are ingenuity and solutions, engineering and enterprise. Together we will build on these strengths to demonstrate to the nation and the world that if you need something designed, engineered or imagined, Michigan is the place!

Sincerely,



Carl Levin