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The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert
Speaker of the House
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Mr. Speaker:

This is to inform you of the Department's intention to convert the combined commissary and exchange store at Orlando, FL, to an independent Navy Exchange store, effective 90 days after the date of this letter. Although the Orlando combined store receives the full appropriated fund reimbursement allowed under 10 U.S.C. 2490a, the operation is not economically viable and negatively impacts the Navy Exchange System profitability and dividends to morale, welfare and recreation (MWR).

After conversion to an independent exchange store, the Navy Exchange System Command will provide authorized patrons with the level of customer service found in all Navy exchanges including a full merchandise assortment, promotional activity and customer savings. Grocery items will be sold at normal exchange mark-up. Under this pricing structure, NEXCOM forecasts a profitable operation. The independent exchange will assure the Orlando military community of continued access to military exchange resale activities, while eliminating the requirement for appropriated funding and restoring exchange profits and MWR dividends.

Similar letters have been sent to the President of the Senate; the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations and Armed Services; the Chairmen of the Senate and House Committees on Appropriations, Subcommittees on Defense; and the Chairmen, Senate and House Committees on Armed Services, Subcommittees on Personnel and Total Force.

Sincerely,

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Principal Deputy

