

M E M O R A N D U M

DATE: February 18, 2009

TO: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Patricia Allison, City Manager's Office

**SUBJECT: UPDATE ON THE FEDERAL PROPOSAL TO MOVE GUANTANAMO
DETAINEES TO CAMP PENDLETON**



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

January 13, 2009

Honorable Robert Gates
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Secretary Gates:

We are writing to express our concern over the recent announcement that the incoming Obama Administration plans to issue an executive order that would close the terrorist prison at Guantanamo Bay and transfer these terror suspects, to among other locations, United States Marine Corps (USMC) Camp Pendleton. As Representatives of the San Diego community, we believe this decision could seriously endanger the mission at USMC Camp Pendleton and urge that it be taken off the list for consideration.

Not only is Camp Pendleton the major west coast base for the USMC, but it also serves as the primary amphibious training bases for the USMC. I Marine Expeditionary Force, 1st Marine Division, 1st Force Service Support Group, elements of 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing and the Marine Corps Tactical Systems Support Activity all call Camp Pendleton home. Since Operation Iraqi Freedom began, there have always been units from Camp Pendleton fighting in Iraq. We believe that at a time when we are fighting two wars, the Marines must not be distracted from their wartime mission. We feel that introducing Guantanamo Bay terrorist suspects would certainly negatively impact Camp Pendleton's training and wartime missions.

In addition, approximately 14,000 family members reside at Camp Pendleton and thousands of other access the base for services. For those Marines serving overseas in harm's way they should now not have to worry about the safety of their families.

Again, we strongly urge that Camp Pendleton and other military locations in the U.S. be removed for consideration as locations to move enemy combatants. We look forward to hearing from you on this very critical issue.

Sincerely,

Darrell Issa
Member of Congress

Brian Bilbray
Member of Congress

Duncan Hunter
Member of Congress

111TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 633

To prohibit the use of funds to transfer enemy combatants detained by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, to the Naval Consolidated Brig, Miramar, California, or the Camp Pendleton Base Brig, Camp Pendleton, California, or to construct facilities for such enemy combatants at such locations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 22, 2009

Mr. HUNTER (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, and Mr. ISSA) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FUNDS TO TRANSFER**
2 **INDIVIDUALS DETAINED AT GUANTANAMO**
3 **BAY, CUBA, TO THE NAVAL CONSOLIDATED**
4 **BRIG, MIRAMAR, CALIFORNIA OR THE CAMP**
5 **PENDLETON BASE BRIG, CAMP PENDLETON,**
6 **CALIFORNIA, OR TO CONSTRUCT FACILITIES**
7 **FOR SUCH INDIVIDUALS AT SUCH LOCA-**
8 **TIONS.**

9 None of the funds appropriated or otherwise made
10 available to any Federal department or agency may be
11 used—

12 (1) to transfer any enemy combatant detained
13 by the United States at Naval Station, Guantanamo
14 Bay, Cuba, to the Naval Consolidated Brig,
15 Miramar, California or to the Camp Pendleton Base
16 Brig, Camp Pendleton, California; or

17 (2) to build, modify, or enhance any facility at
18 the Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, California,
19 or the Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Cali-
20 fornia, for the purpose of housing any such enemy
21 combatant.

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