

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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Director Robert Cardillo
National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency
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Dear Director Cardillo,

As you are well aware, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA) is in the process of evaluating four sites for the eventual relocation of operations from the NGA West complex in downtown St. Louis. We understand that the age, condition, and location of the current complex creates a number of difficulties for the agency, including high operation and maintenance costs, as well as potential security concerns. We write today to provide our strong support for keeping this facility, its dedicated employees, and its critical mission in Missouri.

The selection of one of the Missouri sites would be in keeping with the long tradition of the NGA and its predecessor organizations residing in the Show-Me state. Missouri is proud to play a central role in providing critical intelligence to our warfighters that help them keep our country safe. This is evidenced by the fact that more than half of the 3,000 NGA West employees call Missouri home. By selecting one of the Missouri sites, NGA will be ensuring minimal disruption to the maximum number of its employees.

Of course, the new NGA facility will be an economic boon for the areas surrounding the selected location. Likewise, the movement of the facility out of state would be a tremendous economic loss for Missouri. We expect the evaluation of each of the sites to weigh such important economic considerations.

The NGA West facility and the NGA employees who work there play a key role in defending the national security interests of the United States. We fully support the NGA's mission in Missouri and look forward to working with you in the days ahead as a final site selection decision is made.

Sincerely,



Claire McCaskill
United States Senator



Roy Blunt
United States Senator