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The Honorable Tammy Baldwin
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Dear Representative Baldwin:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, I request your support in the 2010 appropriations process for funding for the restoration of the Badger Army Ammunition Plant project – specifically for the removal of buildings on the property.

The WDNR is one of three future property owners of the former Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP). The 7300-acre Badger Army Ammunition Plant was decommissioned in 1997. The General Services Administration (GSA) is in the process of disposing of the property and the Army is deconstructing the unsafe infrastructure. GSA transferred ownership of approximately 2000 acres of the property to the USDA Dairy Forage Research Center in 2004 and expects to transfer a good portion of the remaining lands in 2009 to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) and the Ho-Chunk Nation (HCN).

The WDNR is positioned to accept transfer of BAAP land with the understanding that federal funds will be made available to prepare the land for future public use.

Funding for the entire project is requested in FFY10, \$8,900,000. To complete removal of the remaining 500 buildings not included in this proposal will require an additional \$11,600,000.

The overall goal of the project is to convert the Badger Army facility from federal military use to beneficial civilian use. The primary future uses will be agricultural research (USDA Dairy Forage Research Center), bison-raising (HCN), and public recreation (WDNR) as well as overall ecological restoration, conservation, and education.

Thank you for your past support for this important project. Any amount of federal funding that you can provide in the coming year budget for this project will be very helpful.

Sincerely,

Matt Frank
Secretary