



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

May 21, 2010

The Honorable Norm Dicks
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-4706

Dear Representative Dicks:

Thank you for your letter of April 16, 2010, on behalf of a number of your constituents employed at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS & IMF). Your letter was a follow up from one which was dated October 2, 2009, and to which Mr. Juan M. Garcia, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) responded on my behalf on November 13, 2009.

Because the authority to take action on the Grandfathered Compensatory Time (GFT) accounts rests with Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), my staff contacted DFAS and requested that they not implement the liquidation of the GFT accounts of employees impacted by the 1998 agreement, as you had asked in your letter. I am pleased to let you know that the Office of the General Counsel for DFAS has reported to me that they will not liquidate these accounts at this time, pending further research on a permanent resolution of this issue.

I trust that this news will be well received by your constituents at PSNS & IMF. Should your staff have any additional questions or concerns on this issue, the point of contact on my staff is Ms. Kathleen Reck, (202) 685-6484. Again, I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts on this issue. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Ray Mabus", is written over the typed name.

Ray Mabus

I am very glad we could work this out.