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**Governor Charlie Baker to Meet with Defense Officials in Washington, D.C.**

*Will seek support for Massachusetts' military installations; urge passing of long-term transportation funding plan before deadline for state projects*

**BOSTON** – On Tuesday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, Governor Charlie Baker will travel to Washington, D.C. to promote the importance of Massachusetts' military presence and facilities to communities and the overall economic impact of the Commonwealth, and the need for Congress to send a long-term transportation funding plan to the President's desk before funding expires at the end of July, with millions of dollars at stake for jobs and infrastructure projects in Massachusetts.

On Capitol Hill, Governor Baker will have meetings with two New England Senators in key leadership and oversight positions concerning the U.S. military, including U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), the Ranking Member on the U.S. Senate Committee on Armed Services and U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH), the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support for the Armed Services Committee both of whom will play key roles in the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. U.S. Senator Ayotte also serves as a senior member of the U.S. Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation and U.S. Senator Reed serves as Ranking Member of the U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Appropriations' Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies. Governor Baker will also meet with U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch of South Boston about

issues of importance to the Commonwealth.

Governor Baker will be joined by the Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard (MANG), Major General L. Scott Rice and MassDevelopment President and CEO Marty Jones on Capitol Hill and a visit to The Pentagon to meet with Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment John Conger whose office will play a key role in the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process at the U.S. Department of Defense.

In the morning, Governor Baker will provide an update to the New England Council, a non-partisan advocate for economic growth in the greater New England region and join members for a discussion on issues in Washington impacting Massachusetts including transportation funding and BRAC.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is home to six military installations with over \$13 billion in total economic activity and support for over 61,000 jobs, including Hanscom Air Force Base, Natick Soldier Systems Center, Joint Base Cape Cod, Fort Devens, Westover Air Force Reserve Base and Barnes Air National Guard Base.

**Tuesday, July 28, 2015:**

**[NOTE: All meetings are closed press.](#)**

**What:** Meeting with the New England Council

**When:** 8:00AM

**Where:** NE Council Washington Office, Washington, D.C.

**What:** Meeting with U.S. Senator Kelly Ayotte (R-NH)

**When:** 10:00AM

**Where:** U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

**What:** Meeting with U.S. Congressman Stephen Lynch

**When:** 11:00AM

**Where:** U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

**What:** Meeting with U.S. Senator Jack Reed (D-RI)

**When:** 3:00PM

**Where:** U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C.

**What:** Meeting with Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment John Conger

**When:** 4:00PM

**Where:** The Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

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