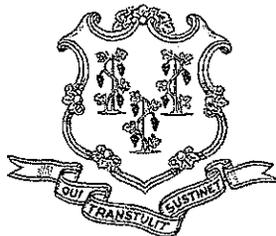


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Senator John McKinney, Ranking Member  
Representative John Piscopo, Ranking Member  
Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee  
LOB Room 1000, Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Looney, Representative Janowski, Senator McKinney, and Representative Piscopo,

I am writing to convey my solid support for the nomination of Robert T. Ross to serve as the Executive Director of the Office of Military Affairs.

I have worked with Bob since he was elected First Selectman in Salem in November 2007. I've found him to be a tireless and innovative leader who is creative and resourceful in seeking solutions to public policy challenges. He is able to work with people from all walks of life and political persuasions. He brings an obvious sense of personal engagement and genuine concerns to problem-solving. Most importantly, he gets results.

Beyond his impressive résumé, Bob brings integrity and dedication to public service. As someone with experience in all levels of government, he knows how to properly coordinate policy matters. His military experience and professional associations with the Navy and Department of Defense are extraordinary assets he brings to Connecticut as we seek to protect and promote our interests in Defense and Homeland Security-related industries—which is just what the statutes require of the Executive Director.

I am pleased to have played a key role in first proposing Bob for this important role in service to the people of Connecticut, and I give him my strongest recommendation. I fully support Governor Rell's nomination for this critical post and look forward to working with Bob and the Office of Military Affairs.

Sincerely,

  
Andrea L. Stillman  
State Senator, 20<sup>th</sup> District

cc: M. Jodi Rell, Governor  
Members, Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee