

May 29, 2002

The Honorable John Breau  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510-4904

Dear Senator Breau:

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The staff has been in telephone contact with Mr. Savage and has been keeping him informed of our progress. In the most recent conversation, Mr. Savage was informed that the archery sight reviews should be completed by the end of May 2002. We will continue to keep your constituent informed of our progress and are working to resolve this case expeditiously.

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