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Burns office confirms the letter and something else interesting.

... Burns' aide indicated it was his belief that there's plenty of life left in it. Sen. Burns letter will be accompanied by some other supporters who are supposed to indicate the petition is something of great concern to them, and their constituents.

Interestingly, he also indicated that ILA had helped....

Dave

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>I talked to Jon Frazer today. Much to my surprise, when I
>asked what we do from here he indicated without hesitation
>that the petition is without a doubt the best way to pursue
>this. I was quite surprised, ... He said that
>anything Congress does would definitely be the subject of a
>floor fight, and the ILA would prefer to avoid that. He also
>said that he would follow up with Chuck Cunningham - his
>boss - to check into this for us. He agreed that one or two
>letters from congress won't move DOI. A dozen from different
>congressional sources will though.

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>He affirmed my belief that phone calls or in person visits
>were THE way to communicate with the reps...

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>While I was surprised about the petition response, the rest
>wasn't news. He thinks they just lack the proper motivation
>for change, and some more congressional 'friendly letters'
>will help grease the skids. I called Phil to admit
>the petition had to be pushed, and tell him he needed people
>to call.

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