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My husband, Tom Bernardy, is a member of the Public Works team at Great Lakes Naval base and has been for 16 years. He works in HVAC. Tom is a hard worker and we rely greatly on his income and federal benefits to live. In the Chicago Tribune I read that President Bush is looking to outsource much of the work that Public Works does on base. As someone who grew up on Naval bases, I have to tell you that this is a horrible idea--first and foremost, you will NEVER get a private shop to send someone at 2 AM when a hospital refrigerator goes down--my husband has done that. Please look carefully into the 850,000 lives you are affecting as well as the quality of services you will be giving your armed forces on bases all over the country. Thank you.
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