

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Ryan McCarthy
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Washington, DC 20310-1600

General James C. McConville
Chief of Staff, USA
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Dear Secretary McCarthy and General McConville:

As a strong supporter of our nation's military and former Army officer, I would like to first thank you for your commitment to our national security and to our men and women in uniform.

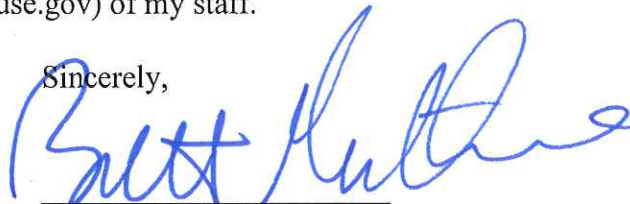
Serving as a NATO Parliamentarian, I am frequently confronted with the reality that the United States continues to face existential threats from Russia, and cooperation with our European partners is critical to ensuring our national security. To further support the Army's engagements in Europe, I understand the Army has plans to stand up a new rotational headquarters to support units deploying to Europe. I write in support of Fort Knox's application to locate this new headquarters at Fort Knox, which I understand was submitted on December 20, 2019.

I understand that the Army plans to stand up this rotational headquarters as soon as October 2020. Fort Knox stands ready to support this headquarters. Locating to Fort Knox would not require military construction funding, as it possesses existing facilities to house a new headquarters in one structure. Further, Fort Knox boasts additional space to support future expansion, if necessary.

Additionally, the community surrounding Fort Knox is well equipped to welcome these soldiers and their families. After the 2005 BRAC, the Commonwealth of Kentucky invested \$250 million in transportation, education and other infrastructure to accommodate immediate and future growth at Fort Knox. This region has the housing, classroom, and health care capacity to support this command. Soldiers assigned here will find a business community committed to providing job opportunities to their spouses. The hospitality that Kentucky offers our soldiers and their families is second to none.

Thank you for your attention to this letter and I look forward to your reply. If you have any questions or need any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me or Elaina Murphy (elaina.murphy@mail.house.gov) of my staff.

Sincerely,



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MEMBER OF CONGRESS