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The Honorable John M. McHugh
Secretary of the Army
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General Raymond T. Odierno
Chief of staff of the Army
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RE: Response to the Army's Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment

Dear Secretary McHugh and General Odierno:

I am pleased to represent my constituents in the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri when offering my unwavering support for Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri in response to the Army's Supplemental Programmatic Environmental Assessment (SPEA).

As you are aware, Fort Leonard Wood (FLW) is in Pulaski County, which is a neighboring county to the Eighth Congressional District of Missouri. Many constituents in my District work or serve at FLW, and are understandably concerned about the projected loss of 5,400 military and civilian positions by 2020 due to potential budget cuts.

During the 2013 Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA), the Army initially recommended a 3,900 reduction in uniformed personnel at FLW. However, after a strong showing of community support and an in-depth study, it quickly recognized FLW as a necessary component in our system of national defense, and the reduction sustained was only 885. This was a relatively small cut compared to other bases, and apparent support and recognition by the Army for this crucially important military installation.

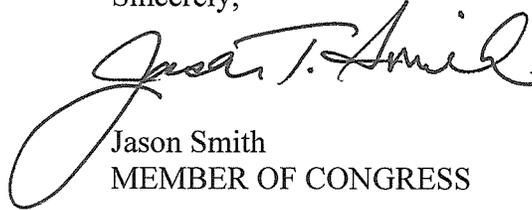
As the military strives to become leaner, smaller, tailorable, and scalable, I encourage you to focus on the importance of FLW to the security of our nation. The well-established resources at Fort Leonard Wood, the Maneuver Support Center of Excellence, the Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear School, the Engineer School, and the Military Police School, have been front-and-center in developing our military leaders. This must continue to be a number one priority as we strive to maintain a globally responsive military. Having these schools and training centers at FLW, which is strategically located in the center of the United States, makes them

uniquely accessible by air, rail and road, and they play a vital role in securing and protecting our homeland.

I echo the sentiments of my colleagues Representative Vicky Hartzler, Senator Roy Blunt and Senator Claire McCaskill, and look forward to working with you as you conduct your assessment in the SPEA. I appreciate your consideration of this letter.

Thank you for your distinguished service to our great country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason T. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Jason Smith
MEMBER OF CONGRESS

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