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General James C. McConville  
Chief of Staff of the Army  
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Dear General McConville,

Thank you for your longstanding leadership of the U.S. Army. We applaud your efforts to modernize the force and fully support Army stationing requirements to meet the needs outlined by the National Defense Strategy. To that end, I wanted to contact you on behalf of the constituents who live with and proudly support our soldiers and their families stationed at Fort Stewart / Hunter Army Airfield (FS/HAAF) to voice support for the Army selecting Coastal Georgia to house the Fourth Army Corps Headquarters.

Regarding Military Value Analysis (MVA), FS/HAAF is the ideal power projection platform along the East Coast, ideally located geo-strategically to respond to operations in Europe and the Middle East and located near the ports of Savannah, Charleston and Jacksonville. FS/HAAF has the longest runway and aircraft parking capacity east of the Mississippi River, and has existing capacity to support the initial set-up of a corps headquarters. With respect to training, Fort Stewart includes 284,924 acres with a digital, multi-purpose range complex, providing land necessary to exercise a corps headquarters with the capacity for two brigades to conduct training maneuvers concurrently, with 24/7/365 availability. A robust frequency spectrum can accommodate deployments, combat operations and training. Current tenet units—including the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, Special Operations Command (SOCOM) strategic units and U.S. Army Intelligence and Security Command units—complement a corps headquarters quite well. Additionally, a population of 27,000 soldiers and civilians would provide a constant pool of experienced leaders who could serve in the headquarters.

Regarding Community Support Value Analysis (CSVA), FS/HAAF has won the Army Community of Excellence award seven times over the last 15 years as the Army's best place to live, train, work, and raise a family. The entire community along Coastal Georgia has forged an incredibly close and enduring bond with soldiers and families who are stationed in the area, and it is one of the most family friendly and affordable places to live in the United States. The Savannah/Hilton Head International Airport is ideally suited to support soldiers who require frequent travel to Europe. Lastly, FS/HAAF has little to no environmental impacts.

When coastal community leaders met with you and your staff in the Pentagon last June 26<sup>th</sup>, Lieutenant General Flynn (Deputy Chief of Staff G-3/5/7) asked the community to consider

developing a public-private partnership (PPP) to help the Army deploy out of coastal ports as the National Defense Strategy (NDS) highlights anti access/area denial threats (both kinetic and cyber) to our ports of embarkation. I am proud to say the community has taken this task to heart and has organized a standing committee including leaders from 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, the Georgia Ports Authority, the airport and local law enforcement.

I appreciate your consideration in this matter and welcome the opportunity to discuss this issue further. Thank you again for your service to our nation.

Sincerely,



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