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Dear Mr. Dinsick and Mr. Avenick,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Jennifer Chait and Sarah Blansett from the Wexford Group, Inc. on our behalf. We sincerely enjoyed the chance to articulate the enthusiasm our community feels at receiving the Armor Center and School. Moreover, we appreciated the opportunity to address some of the issues we feel needed some clarification.

In reference to Fort Benning's capacity, we understand the decision to move the Brigade Combat Team (BCT) to Fort Knox was done strategically to align them with the geographically closer BCT's at Fort Riley. Again, we wish to convey our desire to see Fort Benning used in the future as a home for additional missions, or a BCT, and respectfully request your support should your group be consulted on Fort Benning's capacity.

Second, we understand that the Unit of Action Maneuver Battle Lab (UAMBL) may not be considered a part of the Armor Center and School but that you are forwarding the question onto the Army and DoD for response on its ultimate location. We plan to check the BRAC website for the answer to this question based on your recommendations.

Obviously, we feel the UAMBL is an integral component of the planned Maneuver Center of Excellence at Fort Benning. Furthermore, should it be assigned to Fort Benning, we hope it's inclusion would come within the BRAC recommendations in order to ensure the movement of the lab is funded by the BRAC process.

In summary, we hope that you will do everything in your power to ensure that Fort Benning's true capacity and potential are maximized, including associating the UABML with the new Maneuver Center of Excellence.

Fort Benning is a unique military asset with tremendous potential for future growth. Again, thank you for your time and attention; we look forward to reviewing the final recommendations contained in the BRAC report.

Sincerely,

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