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Mr. Dean Rhody
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Dear Mr. Rhody:

I am writing to thank you for meeting with me and our city team during our recent trip to Washington. I very much appreciate having the opportunity to discuss the military value of Fort Eustis with you and your colleagues as we proceed through this Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round.

As we discussed, the community of Newport News supports enhancing our force structure and creating an efficient and cost effective military. Our goal is to provide the best analysis possible regarding Fort Eustis' role in this structure and to provide suggestions on how we think regional military value can be even further improved in support of the overall military mission.

We appreciate your review of the materials we provided to you and hope that we were able to present logical alternatives for your evaluation. Should you have any questions or require any additional information about the points we discussed or about other issues relating to Fort Eustis, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe S. Frank", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Joe S. Frank
Mayor

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