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Honorable Mayor Sebastian Giuliano
348 Maple Shade Road
Middletown, CT 06457

Dear Mayor Giuliano:

I am writing on behalf of the Westfield Residents Association to express our heartfelt thanks for the leadership you have shown in opposing the use of the Boardman Lane site for a Military training facility. The Council Resolution 134-08 (Concerning the Army Training Facility proposed for Boardman Lane) very forcefully enumerates the many reasons why the Boardman Lane site is unsuitable for a new Armed Forces Reserve Center. Its unanimous passage at the August 4th Common Council affirms that there is a clear consensus in our town that the Army Corps of Engineers needs to chose a different site for the facility. This consensus is critically important if our elected federal officials are to use their power to ensure that the Reserve Center is built on land that is truly suitable for the construction of an outstanding Training Facility.

We continue to very closely monitor the Army's plans, and it appears that they are prepared to ignore the unanimous, expressed opinion of Middletown's leadership. Thus, we would be very grateful to hear from you the outcomes of the actions mandated in Resolution 134-08. In particular, we would appreciate learning more about each of the immediate steps that the resolution called for:

- We would be grateful to receive copies of the letters that you have sent to Middletown's Congressional delegation
- We respectfully request updates on the following issues:
 - Has Middletown's lobbyist taken action?
 - Have any City departments or agencies taken steps to prevent the use of the Boardman Lane site for the training facility?
 - Has the City received permission to access the site for independent assessment?
 - Has the Corps of Engineers agreed to submit its plans to the Inland Wetlands Commission?
 - Has the Corps of Engineers agreed that a full and complete Environmental Impact Statement needs to be prepared?

Again, all of the members of the WRA, and undoubtedly nearly all Middletown residents, are grateful for your leadership in protecting the interests of our city.

Sincerely yours,

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