



GSA Administrator

June 28, 2010

The Honorable Barbara A. Mikulski
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Mikulski:

Recognizing your leadership and engagement on behalf of the community, this letter is to apprise you of the latest developments on the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center project.

After further analysis, the Department of State (DoS) and the General Services Administration (GSA) have determined that the Hunt Ray/Crismer Farm will no longer be considered for the proposed project.

Senator, as you know, the National Environmental Policy Act is intended to ensure that a full and open process is in place to objectively evaluate the impacts of a proposed federal action and thereby inform decision-making. In this case, the preliminary analysis showed that, among other potential concerns, there would be a significant change in land use and considerable noise and traffic impacts.

DoS and GSA have been and remain committed to a robust and transparent public engagement process and value the input from the citizens of Queen Anne's County. We appreciate the community's involvement throughout this process and are confident it led to the proper conclusion.

As DoS increases its workforce and presence in unstable regions of the world, a consolidated training center for DoS' Bureau of Diplomatic Security is still needed to ensure the safety and security of our civilian employees and partners. DoS and GSA are actively engaged in a site selection process and look forward to opening this essential national security facility and being good neighbors.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Martha Johnson".

Martha Johnson
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