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Date: August 22, 2008
To: Army National Guard Readiness Center
From: Arlington County Government
RE: Final Environmental Assessment

Thank you for the opportunity to review the Final Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Expansion of the Army National Guard Readiness Center (ARNGRC). After completing our review, Arlington County reiterates its concerns related to proposed mitigations for expected transportation and community impacts as outlined in our Draft Environmental Assessment comments dated April 21, 2008.

Specifically, the County remains concerned that the proposed expansion of the ARNGRC as outlined in the Final Environmental Assessment does not offer comprehensive mitigations related to the impact of the relocation on adjacent communities, road capacities, transit use projections, parking projections, Transportation Management Plan (TMP) full implementation, and funding supports. The County is also concerned that the 1987 MOU between the State Department and the Army Readiness Center that required cooperation and collaboration regarding modifications to the Arlington Hall site was rescinded May 2008. As the State Department and the ARNGRC are expanding concurrently with cumulative effects on neighboring communities, we believe there remains a need for the cooperative language cited in the MOU to ensure the least negative impact on the surrounding area. While these concerns are significant to the County, we continue our commitment to working with the ARNGRC on this project.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ron Carlee".

Ron Carlee
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