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The Honorable Francis J. Harvey  
Secretary of the United States Army  
1500 Army Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20310

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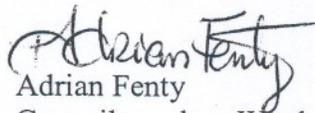
Dear Secretary Harvey:

I represent Ward 4 on the Council of the District of Columbia in Washington, D.C., the area of the city that is home to the Walter Reed Army Medical Center (WRAMC). As you know, the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission has recommend "realigning" WRAMC, such that its current campus in my Ward in the District of Columbia would be closed. As you can well understand, the residents I represent in the neighborhoods surrounding the WRAMC's District campus are very concerned about the implications and possible effects of the proposed closing of WRAMC.

I write today to request that, if the District of Columbia campus of the WRAMC is indeed closed, the property be returned to District control. President Bush has recently called for excess federal property within the District to be handed back to the city, and to that end federal and District officials are now working to identify appropriate federal properties that comport with the President's mandate. I believe that a closed WRAMC District campus would fit within the President's directive and should, therefore, be transferred to District jurisdiction as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with the Army, the BRAC Commission, District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams, and our congressional representative, Eleanor Holmes Norton, to ensure a maximum level of community participation and input into the closure decision-making and then possibly closure-implementation processes. And, if there is to be a closure, I further look forward to working with the Army to effectuate a smooth and speedy transfer of the WRAMC District property to the District of Columbia.

Sincerely,

  
Adrian Fenty  
Councilmember, Ward 4

cc: Anthony Williams, Mayor, District of Columbia  
Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate, District of Columbia  
Anthony Principi, Chairman, Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
Kenneth L. Farmer, Jr., Commanding General, Army MAJ GEN, WRAMC