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The Honorable Joel Hefley
Chairman
Subcommittee on Readiness
Committee on Armed Services
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-6035

Dear Mr. Chairman:

The purpose of this letter is to advise you of a planned course of action regarding the demolition of obsolete housing at Tobyhanna Army Depot, Pennsylvania. A Fiscal Year 1997 Army Family Housing Construction project (PN 47730) provided for the acquisition and demolition of antiquated Wherry Housing at the installation. Demolition was delayed due to the time required for the acquisition and environmental mitigation process. Authorities to obligate Military Construction funds for demolition of the housing have now expired. Consequently, the Army plans to use currently available Army Family Housing Operations Funds and authorities to perform the required demolition.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Whitaker".

Joseph W. Whitaker
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cc: The Honorable Solomon P. Ortiz
Ranking Member