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The Honorable Frank Corte, Jr.
Chairman, House Defense Affairs and State-Federal Relations Committee
P.O. Box 2910
Austin, TX 78768

Re: Request for interim study regarding military base encroachment

Dear Chairman Corte:

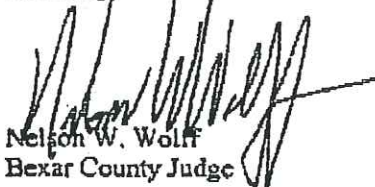
Thanks to your efforts, Texas counties are now able to support the armed forces and protect military investments in our communities. During the 80th Session you authored and passed a bill allowing counties to regulate lighting adjacent to military installations. With this tool we can address exurban growth that endangers critical missions such as nighttime and flight training.


Please consider conducting interim hearings and making findings regarding the threat of encroachment upon military bases, and potential solutions. Time is of the essence, because the upcoming BRAC relocations which will bring billions of dollars of investment and tens of thousands of new workers -depend upon Texas' offering the appropriate facilities. Here in Bexar County, the continued utility of Camp Bullis is critical to the armed forces' long-range strategy for combat medic training.

Our state is growing and changing, as are the military's needs. We must remain a helpful partner in the armed force's efforts to train and deploy warfighters. Additional tools, such as overlay districts and perhaps limited zoning or additional development regulatory authority, will ensure that residential and commercial encroachment does not interfere with core functions of our military installations.

Thank you for your continued attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely,


Nelson W. Wolff
Bexar County Judge


Lyle Larson
Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 3
Chairman, Military Missions Task Force

Cc: The Honorable Tom Craddick, Speaker, Texas House of Representatives