

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

August 23, 2016

Vice Admiral James D. Syring  
Director, Missile Defense Agency  
5700 18th Street  
Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060

Dear Vice Admiral Syring,

We are writing to request your consideration of the Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center as the preferred site for the East Coast Missile Defense system. We believe this site is well-suited for the mission and would help ensure the security of our nation's east coast.

Camp Ravenna is in close vicinity to the Akron and Youngstown transportation networks, which could help jumpstart the new mission by facilitating the flow of military and construction traffic. Additionally, Camp Ravenna does not contain significant environmental, historic property, or airspace-related concerns that would prevent construction or operations.

It is estimated that the \$3.6 billion project could help support 2,300 jobs in the region during construction and directly employ up to 850 people full-time once the system is operational. This represents a significant investment in a region of our state that is continuing to recover economically.

Ohioans stand ready to support the defense of our nation and look forward to this potential opportunity to strengthen the regional economy.

Thank you for considering Camp Ravenna as the preferred site for the East Coast Missile Defense system. We welcome the East Coast Missile Defense site to Ohio.

Sincerely,



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U.S. Senator



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U.S. Senator



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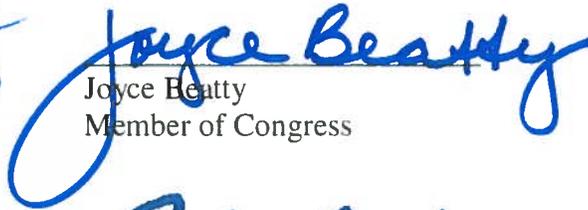
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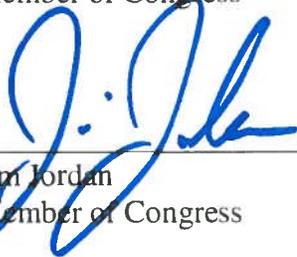
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