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The Honorable Patrick O'Brien  
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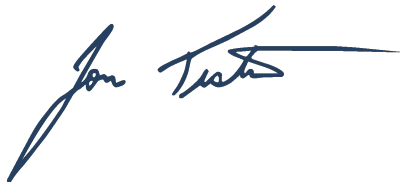
Dear Director O'Brien,

I am writing to you today in support of the grant proposal from the City of Great Falls and Malmstrom Air Force Base (MAFB) to build a joint aquatic and recreation facility. During Secretary Esper's confirmation, he made a promise to ensure a "particular focus" on the well-being of service members and their families. He spoke of his own experience as a military member and how through this experience he learned that "families are critical to readiness." I agree with the Secretary and strongly support efforts to promote quality of life for military families.

That's why I am proud to write in support of a critical infrastructure and quality of life project to benefit the airmen, families, and joint communities of MAFB, The Montana Air National Guard, and Great Falls, Montana. This coalition combined forces to identify the need for a joint aquatic and recreation center that would serve this community. MAFB is the only northern tier base without an indoor pool to support both airmen comprehensive fitness as well as the quality of life of its airmen and their families. There are currently no facilities in Great Falls that fill this need.

The importance of creating communities that are welcoming and supportive of airmen and their families cannot be understated. The support of initiatives such as this joint aquatic and recreation center go a long way toward enhancing military value, resilience, and military family quality of life. I urge you to support this project and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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