Fort Custer Training Center (FCTC),
Augusta, Michigan
Public Scoping Comments in Appendix K
Comment Sheet for the Continental United States (CONUS) Interceptor Site (CIS) Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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Date: 26 August 2014

I want to take you for allowing an open home on the concept, your staff and to suggest the Michigan Natural Council to answer questions and address everyone was very knowledgeable and support us all ideas, concepts and such.

We hope the system comes to Michigan as it so important to our natural resources.

Name: [Signature]
MAN WHO WISHES TO REMAIN ANONYMOUS

ANONYMOUS MALE: I hope this missile defense system gets approved because Carl Levin took away our only air defense we had in Michigan. Michigan has no air defense. That's it.

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2. Anonymous speaker

   It's primarily sound pollution near the
cemetery, and I think the primary source of that
could be the road right outside Fort Custer, the
cemetery, because there are grave sites right near
the road, and the reason I am saying that is I know
the funerals are very, very solemn, quiet. It's
very quiet there.

   So, I'm just thinking about people that will
be burying their military loved ones, for it to be
quiet, as quiet as it is now. That is it, really.
Very easy stuff. Thank you so much.
July 10, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern.

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Once again, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

Rick Baker
President/CEO
Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
July 23, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern:

Nexothermal Corporation has had a presence in the Battle Creek area since 1985. Since that time the Battle Creek Air National Guard has had a profound influence on the community. The military presence supports a long tradition in the area by providing strong support to the military community.

We urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to consideration the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek as the location for the new Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) ballistic missile defense mission.

The military presence in the area is an integral part of the economic stability in our community. The contribution of wages and salaries is essential to the contribution of the local community and its citizens. The investment of the Fort Custer GBI mission will further support the economic stability of our community with the addition of new jobs.

It is our belief that the Battle Creek area is unparalleled in the local support and infrastructure in place to support the successful investment to further the ability of defense efforts.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Srekumar Bandyopadhyay
President
I am concerned that although Michigan is one of the areas that would suffer the impacts of housing first strike nuclear ‘missile defense’ weapons, no public hearings are in this state or anywhere near this state on the issue. There are public hearings in Maine, NY and Ohio, the three other states that are being considered for this militarization. Why are Michigan citizens being denied the right to a public hearing here?

Sincerely,
Kathryn Barnes
A resolution to urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as the location for a new Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) ballistic missile defense mission.

Whereas, Battle Creek Unlimited, as the economic development organization for the City of Battle Creek, supports the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center for their positive economic impact and community citizenship; and

Whereas, Battle Creek’s military history and tradition of embracing and supporting soldiers, veterans and their families began with construction of Camp Custer in 1917 and continues strongly to this day; and

Whereas, the additional presence of the Defense Logistics Agency, the US Marine Corps Reserve, the US Navy Reserve, the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, and the Fort Custer National Cemetery bordering Battle Creek further deepen the commitment of Battle Creek to military personnel, affiliated civilians, and local military services; and

Whereas, The Department of Defense missions based in or adjacent to Battle Creek are integral to the economy of Southwest Michigan providing more than $22 million in total wages and salaries and $26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County; and

Whereas, The selection of Fort Custer for the GBI mission will include a multi-billion dollar investment along with 250 new jobs in the area and will leverage over $100 million in federal, state, and local investments that have been made over the last decade alone in order to make Battle Creek’s military bases some of the most up-to-date, technologically advanced guard bases in the nation; and

Whereas, The greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County region remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations: now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That Battle Creek Unlimited urges the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

July 10, 2014

[Signature]
June 17, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, staff and membership please accept this letter of support urging the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as the location for the future Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS). We are confident that, should an additional ground based missile defense site be authorized by Congress, Fort Custer would be able to accommodate any construction schedule you require.

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The Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, staff and membership urges the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

All my best!

Kara E. Beer, President
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce
www.bcbbusinessvoice.com
A resolution to urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as the location for a new Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) ballistic missile defense mission.

Whereas, The Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, serving the greater Battle Creek area as an organization of member businesses seeking to further their collective interests, while advancing our community, region, state and nation. Individuals and business owners in our community join our chamber for our networks, influence, and look to us to advocate on behalf of the community at large, economic prosperity and business interests supports the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center for their positive impact and community citizenship; and

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Kara E. Beer, President
Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce
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Date: 8/28/14

I BELIEVE THERE ARE BETTER WAYS TO SPEND TAXPAYERS’ MONEY. AS A SON OF A NUCLEAR PHYSICIST, I KNOW HOW DIFFICULT, ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE, FOR A ABN SYSTEM TO WORK.

BUT MORE THAN THAT, OUR WORLD IS IN TROUBLE. TERRORISM AND CONFLICT HAS RISEN UP IN SO MANY PLACES. OUR OWN NATION IS WITNESSES RACIAL STRIFE, CONFUSION AND ANGER AMONGST OUR CITIZENS.

I DO NOT SEE HOW THIS PROJECT WILL HELP HEAL THOSE WOUNDS AND SOLVE OUR PROBLEMS AND FINALLY I AM CONCERNED ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT WITH THE WETLANDS AND ENDANGERED SPECIES.

PLEASE CONSIDER THIS PROPOSAL CAREFULLY.

Harold W. Beo
KALAMAZOO INTERFAITH COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE

Name: 
Affiliation: 
Street Address: 
City, State, Zip Code: ___ 
Email: ___
My name is Jerry Berrigan, I live in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and I would like to make the following statement.

I have worked for a number of years doing youth ministry in the Catholic church and doing work with low income children in Kalamazoo's east side neighborhood.

Sixty percent of our residents in our neighborhood live in poverty according to recent statistics, and a lot of what I try to bring to my students and to my three children is that there is a future worth working for and that that can be a future that is governed by peace where people treat each other with respect and meet each other in good faith.

I believe in that very strongly. It is the promise of our faith. And that is why I am deeply concerned about this proposed installation.

The Cold War ended 25 years ago, almost, and yet we are pursuing a nuclear first strike program which makes the world a
more dangerous place and makes nations with whom we have disagreements feel that they have something to fear from us.

And this facility would increase the risk of nuclear war because it would allow other nations to think that we feel ourselves to be invincible from their weapons. So that's -- I think it will increase the likelihood of nuclear war, which I very much hope does not happen.

The tests have been largely faked. Missile defense has been described as trying to shoot a bullet with a bullet. As such, it is a dangerous and very expensive fantasy, in my opinion.

There is much more at stake here than regional jobs. The future itself is at stake here.

And the three billion dollar price tag represents a colossal waste. It will not benefit the region so much as it will benefit corporate profiteers and weapons contractors.

It represents a theft from the poor. All sorts of programs which directly
sustain life in your community of Battle
Creek and mine of Kalamazoo, the Federal
school lunch program is being cut back,
supplemental housing assistance for people
and for families is being cut back.

All of those funds are on the line,
but there is always money for war. Huge
amounts of money for war. I think we have
our priorities way out of bounds.

And if we had effective and good
faith diplomacy, we could make peace with
the nations of Iran and North Korea so that
we wouldn't have to fear them within a
matter or a short amount of time, but I fear
that is not a national priority.

So I'm opposed to this facility. I
am about the future and I'm concerned about
the soul of our country.

Thank you.

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July 9, 2014

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Once again, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Rose Ann Blahnik
Vice President

WorkSquared Incorporated
On behalf of the Board of Trustees and entire college community, I extend our sincere support for the Missile Defense Agency to locate the CIS in Battle Creek, Michigan, specifically the Fort Custer Site. The college is pleased to be considered an asset of this community, and we pledge our fullest resources to provide any level of educational and training support with respect to staff and facilities.

We look forward to the opportunity to partner with MDA to the greatest extent possible if we are chosen as a site.

Dennis Bana, President
Kellogg Community College
450 North Ave.
Battle Creek, MI 49017

Name: Dennis Bana
Affiliation: Kellogg Community College
Street Address: 450 North Ave.
City, State, Zip Code: Battle Creek, MI 49017
Email:
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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of Kellogg Community College, located in Battle Creek Michigan, we support the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve at Fort Custer Training Center, not just for their innovative people capabilities, but for their unwavering community citizenship.

Battle Creek and its residents have a long history of embracing and supporting soldiers and their families, as well as veterans since 1917. As you may already be aware, Fort Custer Training Center conducted military training during WWI and was designated a permanent military training base during WWII. Today this site is heavily used, diverse, and serves other branches of the armed forces across the region, including ROTC and law enforcement agencies.

There is no better infrastructure than what can be found in Battle Creek. The WMU College of Aviation calls the W.K. Kellogg Airport home and they are proud neighbors of the Battle Creek Air National Guard. There have been significant investments made in the base and the airport in recent years. Airport users enjoy the new state of the art air traffic control tower and multiple runways, including the longest measuring at 10,000 feet.

We believe Michigan’s Fort Custer Training Center would serve as the absolute perfect location for the proposed Ground Based Midcourse Defense site.

Sincerely,

Dennis Bona, Ed.D.
President
July 15, 2014

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The Battle Creek community has a several-decades-long history of supporting the military and the DOD, including the Army Reserve and National Guard Training Center, Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center, Battle Creek Air National Guard, Defense Logistics Agency, and Veterans Administration. The addition of the CIS would be a natural fit in a community with a proven commitment to military personnel, associated civilians and local military services.

The Fort Custer Training Center site offers an exceptional infrastructure complete with the W.K. Kellogg Airport with multiple runways, the Air National Guard Base, Western Michigan University Flight School, Air National Guard base and proven aviation professionals.

I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in the Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Respectfully,  

\[Signature\]  
René G. Breitbach  
Contracts Supervisor  
Peckham Inc.
July 15, 2014

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

James M. Burnham
Vice President - Sales & Marketing
CTS Telecom
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Date: 28 Aug 14

THANK YOU ALL! VERY NICE & INFORMATIVE.

MICHIGAN NEED THIS
I AM A 4 YR NAVY VETERAN
WE NEED ALL THE DEFENSE WE CAN GET!
OUR AIR BASE @BATTLE CREEK CAN ACOMODATE SERVICES FOR(CONUS)
& (CIS)
FORT CUSTER IS PERFECT SITE!

Name: Art Caball
Affiliation: ______________________________
Street Address: __________________________
City, State, Zip Code: ______________________
Email: ________________________________
RESOLUTION URGING SELECTION OF FORT CUSTER TRAINING CENTER
FOR THE EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL MISSILE DEFENSE MISSION

WHEREAS, The Calhoun County Board of Commissioners supports the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center for their positive economic impact; and

WHEREAS, Battle Creek's military history and tradition of embracing and supporting soldiers, veterans and their families spans nearly a century; and

WHEREAS, The additional presence of the Defense Logistics Agency, the US Marine Corps Reserve, the US Navy Reserve, and the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, and the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Kalamazoo County, further deepen the commitment of the region to military personnel, civilian employees, and local service industries; and

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WHEREAS, The greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County region remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners does hereby urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States Missile Defense Agency, the United States Secretary of Defense, and members of Michigan’s Congressional delegation.

Art Kale, Chairman
Calhoun County Board of Commissioners
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Thank you for your consideration of the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek, Michigan for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

Joe Cekola, President
Imperial Beverage
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Date: 8-28-14

Preliminary drawings appear well thought out & scope for the community. I would like to see the development occur.

Name: Charles R.R. Cheney
Affiliation: Cheney Associates Inc. (RE Appraiser)
Street Address: 81 South 20 th St. Santa A
City, State, Zip Code: Battle Creek, MI 49015
Email:
August 12, 2014

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Thomas H. Cole, III, CPA
July 29, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the West Michigan Construction Alliance Labor Management Organization that represents over 500 regional construction Contractors and over 5000 local area construction workers please accept this letter of support urging the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek, Michigan for the future Continental United States Interceptor Site.

Battle Creek since 1917 has enjoyed the peace of mind that we have national security presence at Fort Custer in the Air National Guard, Army Reserve, Navy Reserve, and US Marine Corps Reserve and are proud of our commitment to these DOD programs. And we also enjoy the economic impact of the jobs, wages, and salaries these programs bring to Calhoun / Kalamazoo Counties. The new jobs the CIS project would bring to the area would have a huge economic impact to this area and further take advantage of Fort Custer as it relates to our National Security.

This project also will bring economic impact in regards to the construction of the project employing local area contractors and construction workers, suppliers and vendors. West Michigan Construction Alliance and its Contractors and Building Trades Local Area workers stand in Support of this project and urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Agency to select Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/ Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties for Continental United States Interceptor Site.

West Michigan Construction Alliance is committed to bringing the most highly trained workforce/ Contractors to projects of this magnitude to deliver quality and value while keeping the economic impact in the community.

So again I urge the DOD/MDA to strongly consider Battle Creek Fort Custer as its location for its expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

Hugh Coward

Hugh T. Coward, President
West Michigan Construction Alliance
July 17, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern,

On behalf of the hard-working men and women who are employed in the building trades in Michigan, please consider this as a letter of support to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties to site the future Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS).

The location has much to offer, allowing full advantage of Fort Custer’s status as a secure military location. Plus, there is already infrastructure in place at Fort Custer to allow CIS access to the Air National Guard, Army Reserve and National Guard Training Centers.

Organized labor has an abundance of skilled building trades workers in Michigan, ready to help make the project a success, no matter how large or complicated. Our workers and affiliated contractors have a long history of doing jobs right the first time.

We urge the U.S. Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to strongly consider Fort Custer for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Patrick Devlin
Secretary-Treasurer
While I am loathe to object to a multibillion dollar investment in my community, I need to say that the thinking behind this proposal is completely wrong. This system will not provide security; just the opposite. It raises the stakes of the nuclear arms race, encourages larger stockpiles of nuclear weapons, and destabilizes the global situation as a whole. Besides, its effectiveness as a technology is dubious at best.

Let's invest our 34 billion in life-giving things. Let's house homeless kids. Let's feed them. Let's cure disease. Let's build infrastructure for the future. Let's tackle these quiet problems that are threatening us now instead of threats we imagine.

Name: Michael DeWolfe
Affiliation: Peace House
Street Address: ______________________
City, State, Zip Code: ______________________
Email: ______________________
July 10, 2014

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Greg Dobson
Principal
AVB
Good morning,
The President of Western Michigan University, John M. Dunn, proudly submits the attached letter of support for the selection of Fort Custer as the location for a future Continental U.S. Interceptor Site. If needed, Dr. Dunn is prepared to provide additional evidence as to why this Battle Creek location would be most advantageous to the Department of Defense and to the citizens of southwest Michigan.

Regards,
Elena Gaudio

Elena Gaudio
Executive Assistant to the President
Western Michigan University
1903 W. Michigan Avenue
Kalamazoo, MI 49008-5202
269 387-2342 office
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Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.
Attn: MDACIS EIS
6601 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66211-1504

To the MDACIS Site Selection Principals:

Please accept this letter of support as evidence of Western Michigan University's total commitment to the idea of the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency selecting the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as the location for the future Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS). I would consider it this university's privilege, to serve as a resource for the CIS in the defense of our nation.

The advantages of placing the CIS in the same community as this major public research university are significant. The nationally recognized Western Michigan University College of Aviation is literally steps away from Fort Custer in Battle Creek. The WMU College of Engineering and Applied Sciences in Kalamazoo, just twenty minutes away, boasts baccalaureate, graduate and PhD. programs in virtually all of the major engineering disciplines, including aeronautical engineering. The resources we have assembled to offer such a rich collection of academic programs means the CIS site would have ready access to world-class faculty researchers. The site also would benefit from a rich and steady stream of technical talent—our graduates.

In addition to the resources outlined above, it is important to note that WMU is one of just a handful of universities in the nation that has been recognized for its service to veterans. WMU is home to Michigan's first VetSuccess on Campus program, and for four consecutive years, WMU has been named a "Best for Vets" college by Military Times' EDGE magazine.

As a public university with nearly 25,000 students, enhancing economic development in our state is part of our core mission. The potential to attract the hundreds of jobs and billions in investment associated with this initiative is an opportunity to which we are totally committed.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of Western Michigan University, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Michigan for the expansion of the national defense system. Our university stands ready to be a strategic partner and tireless advocate for this important work.

Sincerely,

John M. Dunn
President

C: WMU Board of Trustees
July 30, 2014

Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.
Attn: MDACIS EIS
6601 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66211-1504

To Whom It May Concern,

The Upjohn Institute is pleased to support the effort by Battle Creek Unlimited to bring additional jobs into the Battle Creek area. Selection of Ft. Custer Training Center for the Ground Based Interceptor Ballistic Missile Defense mission would create additional jobs in the region both directly through the additional military personnel stationed at the Center and indirectly through the facility’s effect on the regional economy.

Ft. Custer has served the community and the nation well throughout its nearly 100-year history, and it is only fitting that the Defense Department recognize the strategic nature of Ft. Custer for its future defense needs.

The Institute has worked closely with the Battle Creek community in providing support in its efforts to maintain the operations at Ft. Custer and the Defense Logistics Agency in the past and we stand ready to do so in the future.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Randall W. Eberts, President
Date: July 19, 2014

Amb: MDA CTS CSL

Dear Sir or Madam:

You are receiving this as a statement of my support for the Fort Custer in Battle Creek Michigan as the best location of the proposed Continental Interceptor Site. As an established training facility for several branches of the military as well as proximity to major Federal logistics and data processing sites Fort Custer presents a unique suite of capabilities for support and operation of the Interceptor Site.

Further the scale of the associated runways and aviation support facilities through the ANG operations, as well as the Western Michigan University School of Aviation provide the infrastructure and skillsets to support the Site through implementation and throughout its operation.

In addition with proximity to several major research Universities such as the University of Michigan, Notre Dame, University of Chicago, Northwestern, Illinois, Purdue, Indiana, Michigan State, and Western Michigan University this Site would be the foundation of a broader technology hub supporting the development, deployment, and operation of advanced military technology systems to protect U.S. interests at home and abroad throughout and beyond the 21st century.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we look forward to further correspondence on the subject.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Kenneth Faris
Battle Creek Unlimited Board Member
RESOLUTION

Whereas, the Battle Creek/Calhoun County/Kalamazoo County Inland Port Development Corporation, administrator of the federal grant of authority for Foreign-Trade Zone No. 43 at the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Port of Battle Creek, supports the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center for their positive economic impact; and

Whereas, Battle Creek's military history and tradition of embracing and supporting soldiers, veterans and their families began with construction of Camp Custer in 1917 and continues strongly to this day; and

Whereas, The additional presence of the Defense Logistics Agency, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, the U.S. Navy Reserve, and the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, and the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Kalamazoo County, further deepen the commitment of the region to military personnel, civilian employees, and local service industries; and

Whereas, the Department of Defense missions are integral to the economy of Southwest Michigan providing more than $22 million in total wages and salaries and $26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County; and

Whereas, the selection of Fort Custer for the missile defense mission will include a multi-billion dollar investment along with 250 new jobs in the area and will leverage over $100 million in federal, state, and local investments that have been made over the last decade alone in order to make Battle Creek's military installations some of the most modern, technologically advanced Guard bases in the nation; and

Whereas, the greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County/Kalamazoo County region remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations; now, therefore be it

Resolved, that BC CAL KAL Inland Port Development Corporation urges the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national defense system.

Jan Frantz, Executive Director

Date 7/8/2014
August 25, 2014

Black & Veatch Special Projects Corporation

Attention: MDACIS EIS

6601 College Boulevard

Overland Park, KS 66211-1504

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Battle Creek and Ft. Custer have long been an essential component of our nation's military and national defense. This community understands the value of our military installations and has often risen up in support of maintaining or when expanding the military presence. The Battle Creek Air National Guard Base is a key figure in providing high tech support of the air space in multiple theaters around the world. Those facilities are world class and nearly new. The 10,000 foot runway provides an excellent base of flight operation support for the missile defense system. Recently, the City Commission took action to allow Ft. Custer and the Air Guard Base a contiguous facility.

The grounds of the adjacent Ft. Custer Training Center, which also houses a Naval Reserve group close by, has been a stalwart since its inception during World War I. Housing the CIS at Ft. Custer would take full advantage of an existing military installation.

The Hart, Dole, Inouye Federal Center in nearby downtown Battle Creek has served multiple purposes since its inception. Their tenants are very satisfied with the GSA services offered and are representative of the type of people who work in the Battle Creek area. Dedicated and hard-working are just a few of the adjectives used by major employers such as Kellogg's, Post, Denso, many other employers, and our military installations.

The local governments have all taken action to support this installation. As a Calhoun Commissioner (4th District) I can attest that our government leaders are all supportive of utilizing Ft. Custer and will work in conjunction with the military to fully support another local installation. We have worked together in the past to maintain our military installations and will do so in the future. The military presence is a large portion of our local economy!

Thank you for considering the City of Battle Creek/Calhoun County/Kalamazoo County as a site for the CIS program. I firmly believe we are the best option to be able to use and enhance existing infrastructure in both the military and civilian sectors to support this program.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Steven J. Frisbie

4th District Calhoun County Commissioner
July 21, 2014

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Sincerely,

Margaret Fuller Stephanak

Margaret Fuller Stephanak | associate vice president

Southwest Michigan First
241 East Michigan Avenue | Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007
p 269.553.9588 |
Date: 8-28-14

I AM NOT APPosed to this project in battle creek, however, I feel FT. DRUM would be a better location. I am very familiar with FT. DRUM since my son has been stationed there for the past 3 years, FT. DRUM is closer to the east coast, has much more land, and is not near any large cities.

Name: DALE GEMINDER
Affiliation: 
Street Address: 
City, State, Zip Code: 
Email: 
Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.
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6001 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66211-1504

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I have been president of one of the largest employers in Southwest Michigan so I can assure you from our experience that this region has a great quality of life as well as an educated work force. With the two colleges and universities in this area we have a diverse population, which provides an excellent atmosphere for families to have a rich and multidimensional growth experience. Our grown children who now live in Colorado and North Carolina still tell us they wish they could repeat for their children the great experience they had growing up in Southwest Michigan.

Regards,

Thomas E. Haan
Principal, Global Equity Consulting, LLC
From: Thomas Haan
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 12:40 PM
To: MDA.CIS.EIS
Cc: Ron Kitchens
Subject: Fort Custer Battle Creek MI
Attachments: 2014_07_10 MDA .pdf

Please find attached our letter of support for Fort Custer Combined Training Center in Battle Creek as the site for a new Continental United States Interceptor Missile Site.

Respectfully Submitted,
Thomas E. Haan

Thomas E. Haan, Principal
Global Equity Consulting, LLC

229 E. Michigan Avenue, Suite 245B
Kalamazoo, MI 49007


Global Equity Consulting, LLC provides middle market companies with highly experienced, hands-on merger and acquisition advisory and business development services.
Thomas E. Haan is a FINRA registered investment banking representative associated with City Capital Advisors, Chicago IL (www.citycap.com)
Sir:

I have three reasons for not wanting a missile base in our environment.

1. Reasons for this missile base are not convincing.

2. The change in traffic patterns would not be advisable, because the traffic would overwhelm the Columbia area and would take business away from the downtown area. Helmer road would also see problems. Both roads would require additional lanes and probably mean closing access of some feeder roads to them. Quality of life would suffer.

3. The new employees may not live in the Calhoun County area because the greatest area of residential growth would be too close to the base.

Need I say more,

John Hagemann
Dear Sirs: PLEASE let the Ballistic Missile Project be developed at the Fort Custer Training Center, in MI.

We do need such a facility built there for the protection of our country.

Thank You!
To Whom It May Concern,

I am in full support of a missile defense CIS being developed at the Fort Custer site in Battle Creek, MI. The Battle Creek community has a long and distinguished history supporting the defense of our nation and of freedom around the world, and it is my hope that we may continue to do so by way of the CIS.

I stand ready to support this effort in any way in which I may be of service.

Sincerely,
Andy Helmboldt
At-Large Battle Creek City Commissioner
August 29, 2014

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Overland Park, Kansas 66211-1504

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Once again, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system. I have been a resident and professional businessman in this community since 1956 and feel strongly that this project benefits the community and nation.

Sincerely,

James S. Hilboldt
Attorney

JSH/lcf
Black & Veatch Special Projects Corporation  
Attention: MDACIS EIS  
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Overland Park, KS 66211-1504

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Respectfully,

[Signature]

Donald Holtan, Plant Manager  
Post Foods, Battle Creek, MI

275 Cliff Street, Battle Creek, Michigan 49014
CITY OF
Battle Creek
MICHIGAN

Resolution
NO. 217

A Resolution to urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency (MDA) to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as the location for a new Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) ballistic missile defense mission.

BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN - 7/15/2014

Resolved by the Commission of the City of Battle Creek:

That the Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) is the key defense tool protecting our state and nation from ballistic missile attacks.

The GBI is unmatched in its ability to locate and eliminate incoming warheads well outside the earth’s atmosphere using missiles that do not include explosive components. The placement of the GBI system in Battle Creek will take full advantage of Fort Custer’s tactical location and security.

The selection of Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the GBI mission will not impact other successful Air National Guard, Army Reserve or National Guard Training Center missions or create a nuisance for neighboring citizens.

Battle Creek’s military history and tradition of embracing and supporting soldiers, veterans and their families spans nearly a century.

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The greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County region remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations.

We urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.
It is authorized that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States Missile Defense Agency, the United States Secretary of Defense, and members of Michigan's Congressional delegation.

I, Victoria Houser, City Clerk of the City of Battle Creek, hereby certify the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Battle Creek City Commission at a Regular meeting held on July 15, 2014.

Victoria Houser

Battle Creek City Commission
7/15/2014

Action Summary

Staff Member: Susan E. Bedsole, Interim City Manager
Department: City Manager

SUMMARY
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BUDGETARY CONSIDERATIONS

HISTORY, BACKGROUND and DISCUSSION
The Department of Defense, Office of the Secretary has issued a Notice of Intent. It reads as follows:

SUMMARY: The Missile Defense Agency (MDA) announces its intention to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 and the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA. As required by the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act, the MDA has selected possible additional locations in the United States that would be best suited for future deployment of an interceptor capable of protecting the homeland against threats from nations, such as North Korea and Iran. The MDA is preparing this EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts that could result from the future deployment of the Continental United State Interceptor Site (CIS). The existing Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) provides protection of the United States from a limited ballistic missile attack, and the Department of Defense has not made a decision to deploy or construct the CIS.
In accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 1501.6, an invitation for cooperating agency status has been extended to the U.S. Department of the Army and Navy and National Guard for consultation, review, and comment on the EIS. Other cooperating agencies may be identified during the scoping process.

If deployed, the CIS would be an extension of the existing Ground-based Midcourse Defense (GMD) element of the BMDS. Under the current proposed action, the deployment of the CIS would be as a contiguous Missile Defense Complex, similar to that found at Fort Greely, Alaska and would consist of an initial deployment of 20 Ground-Based Interceptors (GBIs) with the ability to expand upward to 60 GBIs. The GBIs would not be fired from their deployment site except in the Nation's defense and no test firing would be conducted at the CIS. The overall system architecture and baseline requirements for a notional CIS include, but are not limited to, the GBI fields, Command Launch Equipment, In-Flight Interceptor Communication System Data Terminals, GMD Communication Network, supporting facilities, such as lodging and dining, recreation, warehouse and bulk storage, vehicle storage and maintenance, fire station, hazardous materials/waste storage, and roads and parking where necessary.

Alternatives to be analyzed include the No-Action Alternative and sites at the Combined Training Center Fort Custer – Michigan Army National Guard, Augusta, MI; Camp Ravenna Joint Military Training Center – Ohio Army National Guard, Portage and Trumbull Counties, OH; Fort Drum Army Base, Fort Drum, NY; and the Center for Security Forces Detachment Kittery Survival, Evasion, Resistance, and Escape Facility (SERF East), Redington Township, ME. At each site, impacts will be assessed for the following resource categories - air quality, air space, biological, cultural, geology and soils, hazardous materials and hazardous waste management, health and safety, land use, noise, socioeconomics, transportation, utilities, water quality, wetlands, visual and aesthetic, environmental justice, and subsistence.

INFORMATION: The MDA encourages all interested members of the public, as well as federal, state, and local agencies to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS. The scoping process assists in determining the scope of issues to be addressed and helps identify significant environmental issues to be analyzed in depth in the EIS. Scoping meetings will be held in the local communities of Ravenna, OH; Galesburg and Battle Creek, MI; Carthage, NY; and Rangeley and Farmington, ME during July through September, 2014. Notification of the meeting locations, dates, and times will be published and announced in local news media no later than 15 days prior to public scoping meetings. The MDA invites public comments on the scope of the CIS EIS during a 60-day public scoping period beginning with publication of this notice in the Federal Register.

ADDRESSES: Written comments, statements, and/or concerns regarding the scope of the EIS or requests to be added to the EIS distribution list should be addressed to MDA CIS EIS and sent by e-mail to MDA.CIS.EIS@BV.COM, by facsimile 913-458-1091, or by U.S. Postal Service to: Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp Attn: MDACIS EIS, 6601 College Boulevard, Overland Park, KS 66211-1504. Electronic or facsimile comments are preferred. If sending comments by U.S. Postal Service, please do not submit duplicate electronic or facsimile comments. All comments, including names and addresses, will be submitted to the administrative record.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Contact Mr. Richard Lehner, MDA Public Affairs Officer, at 571-231-8210, or by e-mail: mda.info@mda.mil.

DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUE

POSITIONS

ATTACHMENTS:

File Name                      Description

No Attachments Available
Attached is my statement.
Christopher Howard
Thank you for attending this public scoping meeting. Our purpose for hosting this meeting is to give you an opportunity to comment on issues to be analyzed in the EIS. Please use this sheet to comment on any issues that you feel should be addressed. To ensure that your comments are addressed, we must receive your comments by September 15, 2014.

Date: 9/9/14

I live on the neighborhood next to option 2, in front of lake 4. I have been on what is going to happen with the following:

1. Wildlife and hunting
2. Our property valued + peaceful/great setting
3. The lakes, woods and views
4. Traffic concerns

I hunt, fish and enjoy the peacefulness of the neighborhood. Our own creek runs down to lake 4 onto our property. We moved here for the above and don't want to see it ruined.

Name: Christopher Howard
Affiliation:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Email:
Attached is my EIS statement.
Thanks
Debra Howard
My property is right next to Fort Custer on Fort Custer Dr; Galesburg, MI. I am very concerned about an interceptor site being built so close to me. I don't mind so much if it is built on the Battle Creek side but am against it being built by my property.

I feel that it will lower the value of my property. We have put our life savings to build our home and when we go to sell it, who would want to buy it knowing this is so close. We moved here for the peace and quiet and were told there would be bright lights and lots of security. We are also afraid of the increased traffic ruining our quiet neighborhood and the increased traffic causing safety concerns for the children in the neighborhood.

I am also concerned about the wildlife. That is one of the reasons we moved here and not only will this large facility push away the wildlife but the constant movement of people, lighting and noise will keep them away. I am also concerned about the environmental part of this. We are close to the river and have streams that run through our property and Fort Custer. There are several lakes nearby in Fort Custer Recreation Park also. You never know the long term affects until it is too late.

I beg of you to consider the concerns of the homes, people and children in our neighborhood and the problems it may cause for us.

Thanks

[Signature]
Comment Sheet for the
Continental United States (CONUS)
Interceptor Site (CIS)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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Date: 9/10/14

Attached

Name: Debra Howard
Affiliation: Neighbor
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Email:

K-330
I think this is government money well spent. Anytime you can be proactive is a good thing. This project will create good jobs (permanent and help with construction jobs (temporary) in the area. Please select our site at the Fort Custer Training Center as the infrastructure is already there and you would be welcome with open arms.

Name: Chris Hubbard
Affiliation: 
Street Address: 
City, State, Zip Code: 
Email: 

Date: 8-26-14
July 10, 2014

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Attn: MDACIS EIS
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John W. Irwin
President - West Michigan Region
Huntington National Bank
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Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.
Attn: MDA CIS EIS
6601 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66211

Date: 8/28/14

Dear City Manager,

I worked to support ANG and the mission of the A-106 squadron. In support of the missile DEF system I consider the following to be of great benefit:

1. Long history of Fort Carter Complex
2. Great community support of the military
3. Significant built-up areas in the last decade
4. Airport capability with a cargo runway
5. ANG on site
6. Access to I-94 I-35-96 Highway System
7. The federal center's logistic support being a major component of logistics
8. Short term Economic impact
9. Long term Job Market
10. Potential for take off and the investment return

Name: James Jenkins
Affiliation:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code
Email:

K-333
Please read the attached in support of this project.

Mark A. Jones | AmeriFirst Mortgage Banking Group
President & Co-Founder
www.amerifirst.com
950 Trade Centre Way
Suite 400
Portage, MI 49002
September 2, 2014

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Mark A. James
President and Co-Founder
Mrs. Clifford Jones

Dear Black Cotton,

I don't believe the missile silos in Battle Creek are a good idea.

They are thinking of tearing down a good road area to get a large amount of traffic on Columbia Ave. to Fort Christie. It will cause as much problems getting in and out of businesses parking on Columbia Ave.
the businesses will probably close and if terrorists want to get to the silos they might be using provided a straight shot to get there. Someone with a backpack nuclear bomb. Or go to the Battle Creek Farm Bureau and look at the map of the Kalamazoo Water shelf the huge hundreds of miles-diameter get into a boat with a hand held rocket designed to go a long distance with a nuclear war head and what about the
Mrs. Clifford Jones

Aliens getting the energy from missiles based. They turned on the missiles in Russia, a base for them, while stealing energy. I think the silos are economically bad for Battle Creek. I think silos will cause terrorist and maybe aliens messing with the wiring.
Thank You.
Richard C. Jones
In Honor of my Mother
also.
Vigil
Sunday, Noon to 1:00 pm
- Park Street and W. Michigan Ave.
Kalamazoo

Meetings
Second and Fourth Thursdays

Email
nawfromknow@gmail.com
for meeting times and locations
Kalamazoo Nonviolent Opponents of War

We non-violently resist war and militarism, and work to create a world in which human beings care for one another and for the earth, and in which the human imagination turns away from hatred, violence, and domination, toward peace and justice.
Ground-Based Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems

NOT MUCH OF A DEFENSE

The Ground-Based Mid-Course System (GMD)

GMD, designed to defend the U.S. homeland against ICBMs, is the most complex and costly component of the U.S. missile defense system. The current operationally-deployed interceptors are intended to counter a limited attack by a rogue state with a single or very few missiles. In 2002, President Bush ordered the deployment of ground-based interceptors by 2004 to counter an ICBM attack by North Korea or Iran.

The Pentagon currently deploys 30 ground-based interceptors (GBIs), including 26 at Fort Greely, Alaska, and four at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. On March 15, 2013, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced that the Pentagon will deploy an additional 14 interceptors at Fort Greely, increasing the number of deployed GBIs to 44. The additional interceptors are scheduled to be deployed by 2017, at an estimated cost of about $1 billion.

Problems with GMD

GMD currently remains a prototype system. It was rushed into the field after President George W. Bush ordered a crash effort to deploy an initial operating defense capability in 2002. Then Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld exempted the Missile Defense Agency from standard procurement rules and testing standards, freeing it to use research and development money to buy and deploy the system quickly. The hurried deployment has compromised the system’s effectiveness and reliability. According to then Missile Defense Agency Director Gen. Patrick O’Reilly, the interceptors currently fielded in Alaska and California are “more akin to prototypes than production-representative missiles.

GMD has a record of testing failures. There have been only 9 hits out of 17 tries of the system since 1999. About a third of the kill vehicles now in place are the same model that failed two tests in 2010. Furthermore, because each kill vehicle is somewhat unique, even a successful test cannot predict the performance of the other interceptors.

An operationally configured interceptor has yet to be tested against a target with ICBM range and speed, and there are no near term plans to do so.

Expanding GMD to the U.S. East Coast

In a letter to the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the current head of the MDA, Vice Adm. James Syring, and head of the Army’s Space and Missile Defense Command, stated that there is "no validated military requirement to deploy an East Coast missile defense site."

In June 2010, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that putting a GMD system on the east coast

Excerpted from an article at:
armscontrolcenter.org/issues/missiledefense/articles/fact_sheet_us_ballistic Missile_defense/
$3.4 Billion for Ground-Based Missile Defense is a Bad Investment

- **It won’t make us safe.** Even the military admits that the system is an unready prototype and that a third installation will not add to our security.

- **It’s a lousy job creator.** The GMD installation at Ft. Custer will create an estimated 300 jobs directly and 1500 indirectly. At a cost of $3.4 billion, that’s about $2 million per Michigan job. Overall, military spending is the worst form of government spending for job creation, netting less than 9 jobs for every million spent. Education spending, on the other hand, produces nearly three times as many jobs. [nation.time.com/2011/09/21/study-federal-spending-on-defense-doesnt-create-as-many-jobs-as-education-spending/](http://nation.time.com/2011/09/21/study-federal-spending-on-defense-doesnt-create-as-many-jobs-as-education-spending/)

- **America is facing real and immediate threats.** Like heart disease and cancer, which, according to CDC, together kill over a million Americans a year. A multibillion dollar investment in these areas will save far more lives than this system possibly could. Poverty and lack of education are major killers in the US, too, accountable for at least 4.5% of American deaths. [http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/06/110616193627.htm](http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/06/110616193627.htm) Let’s set our spending priorities to do the most good.

- **It’s time to end the arms race.** For decades, we’ve been pouring our energy, effort, money and the lives of thousands of brave individuals into the relentless pursuit of nuclear superiority. Missile defense is just the latest escalation in that race, one which will prompt other nuclear powers to build or retain more missiles to overwhelm our defenses. This makes for a more dangerous world. We need to step back from the ledge.

This flyer was prepared by the members of **Peace House in Kalamazoo, MI**. We are dedicated to promoting nonviolence, community, and the dignity of all people. We provide a safe learning and playing space for children in the Eastside neighborhood. We believe in building a more just and peaceful future for all children.
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Put more money and effort into diplomatic action to reduce the need for more defense spending. Encourage more international exchanges of students, scientists, and the general public. This would reduce the mistrust between nations.

Name: Robert L. Kildea
Affiliation: Kalamazoo Non-Violent Opponents of...
Please see my letter of support attached.

Best Regards,

Gary L. Kirtley, CEO/Owner
Owens Products, Inc.

Sturgis, Michigan 49091

"Each day is a gift and not a God given right."

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July 14, 2014

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Attn: MDACIS EIS

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Sincerely,

Gary L. Kirtley, CEO/Owner
To Whom it May Concern,

Please see the attached letter in support of Fort Custer in Battle Creek, MI for the proposed Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS) from the CEO of Southwest Michigan First, Ron Kitchens.

Thank you.

Derek Nofz | director of public policy

Southwest Michigan First
241 East Michigan Avenue | Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007
p 269.553.9588 |
July 7, 2014

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Always Forward.

Ron Kitchens
chief executive officer
Southwest Michigan First
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I am very supportive of this project and the very positive economic impact it would have.

Thanks

Name: Tim Kool
Affiliation: Herstey's Chev
Street Address: 
City, State, Zip Code: 
Email: 
August 12, 2014  
Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp  
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Sincerely,  

[Signature]
Dennis J. Kuhn  
Regional President  
Horizon Bank
July 7, 2014

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Sincerely,

Wesley G. Lentz
Partner
The Wiser Financial Group
From: DMaurer
Sent: Tuesday, July 15, 2014 11:36 AM
To: MDA.CIS.EIS
Subject: Letter of support for Battle Creek’s Fort Custer Base
Attachments: Support for Fort Custer Base.pdf

(See attached file: Support for Fort Custer Base.pdf)

David Maurer | Humphrey Products | CFO and Vice President of Operations |
July 7, 2014

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Sincerely,

David A. Maurer
VP Operations and CFO
Humphrey Products Company
July 15, 2014

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Once again, on behalf of everyone at Kingscott Associates and the Battle Creek/Kalamazoo communities, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

Robert McGraw
President & CEO
1. Molly Mechtenberg

   So, I am here to state my opposition to this system being installed at Battle Creek, and I feel like it's wrong for many reasons. First of all, from what I read about it, it doesn't work. It's not an effective system. It's only hit 9 out of 17 practice tries. And, so, it feels to me like it's not even a viable system.

   I also feel like it's a mis-priority of money, like this should be invested in people, not in weapons, and I don't feel like this is a good investment in our future.

   I live in Kalamazoo. I work in one of the low income neighborhoods in town, and I see children living in poverty who should have more opportunities than they have. And, so, I feel like if federal money -- if there are 3.4 billion dollars out there, that they should be invested in schools and in neighborhood programs and in non-profits that are trying to improve people's lives.

   I also don't think missile defense is going to make us any safer. I feel like diplomacy is a better option, and this is just another way where the U.S. kind of comes off as a threat to another...
country, and I don't see that as being helpful at all.

So, that's why I came out tonight. I just wanted to make sure that the other viewpoint was represented. So, that is it. Thank you.
Date: 8-28-14

Very interesting concept. People at different areas gave very good explanations. Answered questions.

I know it is in early stages and future sites have not been chosen. Yes, I hope that Ft. Custer would become a site. Good access to railroad & interstate, rds.

The economy would be greatly helped. The area people have always supported the base and welcome the military.

City H2O & wastewater available.

Name: Thomas Owen Metzler
Affiliation:
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Email:
July 17, 2014

Vice Admiral James D. Syring, Director
Missile Defense Agency / Office Symbol
5700 18th Street, Building 245
Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-5573

Dear Admiral Syring:

On July 16, 2014, the Michigan Senate adopted Senate Resolution No. 167, urging the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency (MDA) to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek as the location for a new Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) ballistic missile defense mission.

In compliance with the provisions contained therein, I am forwarding to you a copy of the above resolution.

Sincerely,

Carol Morey Viventi, J.D.
Secretary of the Senate

CMV/jks
Enclosure
A RESOLUTION TO URGE THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE MISSILE DEFENSE AGENCY (MDA) TO SELECT THE FORT CUSTER TRAINING CENTER IN BATTLE CREEK AS THE LOCATION FOR A NEW GROUND BASED INTERCEPTOR (GBI) BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE MISSION

WHEREAS, The GBI is the key defense tool protecting our state and nation from ballistic missile attacks; and
WHEREAS, The GBI is unmatched in its ability to locate and eliminate incoming warheads well outside the earth's atmosphere using missiles that do not include explosive components; and
WHEREAS, The placement of the GBI system in Battle Creek will take full advantage of Fort Custer's tactical location and security; and
WHEREAS, The selection of Battle Creek for the GBI mission will not impact other successful Air National Guard, Army Reserve, or National Guard Training Center missions or create a nuisance for neighboring citizens; and
WHEREAS, Battle Creek's military history and tradition of embracing and supporting soldiers, veterans, and their families span nearly a century; and
WHEREAS, The missions based at Fort Custer are integral to the economy of southwest Michigan, providing more than $22 million in total wages and salaries and $26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County; and
WHEREAS, The selection of Fort Custer for the GBI mission will include a $3.2 billion investment, along with 250 new jobs for Michigan. It will also leverage over $100 million in federal, state, and local investments that have been made over the last decade alone in order to make Battle Creek's military bases some of the most up-to-date, technologically-advanced guard bases in the nation; and
WHEREAS, The greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County region remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That we urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek for the expansion of the national missile defense system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the director of the United States Missile Defense Agency, the United States Secretary of Defense, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.

Adopted by the Senate, July 16, 2014.

Carol Mary vibration
Secretary of the Senate
July 10, 2014

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6601 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66211-1504

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the skilled trades in Southwest Michigan, please consider this correspondence in support of the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency and its proposed missile defense project the Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center.

I understand the project will involve a multi-million dollar investment in construction — certainly a boon for Michigan construction trades and skilled tradesmen and women. Michigan has no shortage of a workforce ready and willing to bring this project to its culmination.

Furthermore, Battle Creek and Calhoun County residents are staunch supporters of Department of Defense missions. You will find no community more willing to stand up for the military men and women who live in our neighborhoods, and for their operations that contribute to our economy and keep our nation strong.

The will and infrastructure are both here, in abundance. For example, W.K. Kellogg Airport, home to the Battle Creek Air National Guard, has a 10,000 foot runway and tower operations not only meeting the needs of the Air National Guard, but also aviation-related business and institutions such as the Western Michigan University College of Aviation, among the top three collegiate pilot and aviation mechanic training programs in North America.

We urge strong consideration for Battle Creek throughout the scoping process of an Environmental Impact Statement and into the final decision-making process.

Sincerely,

Joseph Michilizzi
Business Agent
United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters
Local Union 333
Date: 8-26-14

Scenario: One or another "rogue" nation decides to attack the US with a nuclear armed ICBM. They infiltrate agents into country to attack missile interceptor defense missile sites. Should this risk be evaluated in the EIS? And, furthermore, how would it be mitigated? And how much of a risk to nearby population? Personally, I feel any nation would have to have complete assurance leaders to attack US with nuclear weapons as they would literally be wiped off the face of the earth.

I feel it would be far better to spend money that would go for an Interceptor system and crying social needs of United States.

As you may be able to guess, I definitely favor the "No Action" alternative.

Name: Phila McKhiana
Affiliation: 
Street Address: 
City, State, Zip Code: 
Email:
July 10, 2014

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Sincerely,

Kurt Miller
President
Southern Michigan Bank & Trust
August 4, 2014

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The W.K. Kellogg Foundation urges the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek, Michigan, for the future Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS).

The Calhoun County community and surrounding area is very committed to our defense department and has the infrastructure and workforce to support the construction and operation of an anti-ballistic missile launch site.

The Kellogg Foundation, headquartered in Battle Creek, is one of the largest philanthropic foundations in the United States. We are dedicated to Battle Creek and ensuring the community, especially the children, have resources and opportunities to thrive.

The selection of Fort Custer for the CIS site would significantly and positively contribute to the local economy and offer economic stability to its families, not only through the project’s construction, but with the estimated 250 new jobs that would be created.

The tactical and secure location at Fort Custer also would allow the CIS to be within proximity to other successful Air National Guard, Army Reserve and National Guard Training Center missions.
Additionally, nearby Western Michigan University’s College of Aviation is a nationally recognized pilot and mechanic training program and would have significant contributions to an interceptor site.

Again, we encourage the U.S. Department of Defense to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek for the future Continental United States Interceptor site.

Sincerely yours,

La June Montgomery Tabron
President and Chief Executive Officer
GREG MOORE

MR. MOORE: I would like to encourage the defense agency to give strong consideration to Battle Creek as the site for the system. And as I mentioned to some of the folks inside, Battle Creek and the general Calhoun County area have been very supportive of the military over the years.

We have put millions of dollars into a variety of different things, including putting in a new runway and putting in new communications and fiberoptic infrastructure.

The State and locals are looking at shutting down part of the road that is a major thoroughfare through our industrial park to help facilitate the growth and the expansion of the bases out there and the joint operations.

And we've got some very forward-thinking people, so I think as a community we've always tried hard to make sure we support the military. Those that support us, we support them back in kind.

And we have a strong family support
system here for our military, from both the
base and from the private sector, and a
strong system of employer-supported guards
and reserves.

So all tolled, we may be a small
community but I think over the years
starting with Camp Custer's origination,
this community has been a very strong
advocate for the variety of military
activities here in Battle Creek and now with
the different missions that we have in
Africom and hopefully the missile defense
system, ultimately, you know, as a State and
as a public official, we want to make sure
that whatever we do is in the best interests
of the protection of the United States and
the citizens of the country.

But you know, assuming the system
is -- it's determined that they're going to
build it, then clearly we'd prefer this
location, not just for the economic benefit
but because of the strong support we have
shown over the years. That's pretty much
it.

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Attached are 3 more support letters from Pro Services.

Mike VandeMaele-CEO
James Morris-VP of Operations
Mike Orley-Director of New Development

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Once again, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

James Morris
VP of Operations
Pro Services, Inc.
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To Whom it May Concern:

Regarding the opportunity to comment on issues to be analyzed in the EIS pertinent to the Army National Guard’s Fort Custer Training Center in Southwest Michigan as a possible site for a proposed Continental United States Interceptor Site, I attended the August 26, 2014 public scoping meeting in Battle Creek, Michigan, to review and discuss with attending personnel the EIS components being considered, in general, for each of the four sites being studied. Consequently, I have at least these following suggestions for the process you will be/are using for the Fort Custer location:

A. Extend the geological and hydrological surveys out at least 30 miles from this site so as to cover the Allegan County and Barry County areas as well as Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties.

1. Allegan and Barry counties have public lands under lease for potential fracking operations, though no permits have yet been applied for. In Allegan County, there are currently 34,000 acres in the Allegan State Game Area and Allegan State Forest which lie approximately 30 (air) miles northwest of Fort Custer. An unknown (by me) but available (MDNR) number of acres in the Barry State Game Area and the Yankee Springs State Recreation areas, about 20 (air) miles to the northeast, have also been leased by extraction industries interested in installing fracking wells. These county areas would be roughly 30 (air) miles from each other.

A growing body of evidence suggests a connection between extensive fracking operations, as favored by the current state administration, with direct correlation to seismic activity, aka earthquakes, especially if the number and longevity of well operations is extensive and/or prolonged. Documentation from Pennsylvania supports this theory along with that from other states experiencing similar results from fracking operations within their borders. Interestingly, as of this week, media reports state that Michigan’s governor agreed to accept radioactive waste from Pennsylvania fracking operations to landfill near the Detroit airport, when the state of origin and nearby states refused to allow the disposal within their boundaries. An obvious question, regardless of the wisdom of such an agreement, is why fracking wastes should be radioactive, which could be extrapolated to suggest that fracking wells in Allegan and Barry counties might also offer some additional risk not yet well understood.

2. There are huge risks to groundwater in either site in the Fort Custer area, but especially in the southeast corner currently the preferred option. Naturally occurring wetlands such as fen...
which are found there, besides being environmentally unique and valuable ecosystems, are also part of an extensive groundwater recharge area that extends throughout the Base as well as being connected to important areas surrounding it. Typical of such recharge areas is the relatively slow movement of water originating from permeable surface and subsurface areas (such as deep natural springs) into the aquifers that local residents and businesses rely on for a steady supply of uncontaminated water. If the activities created by construction and operation of a CIS were to reduce the ability of the recharge area to maintain the current supply and flow of water for maintenance of current critical wildlife habitat and likewise diminish the volume and quality of irreplaceable groundwater depended upon by outlying habitation, the consequences would prove to be unjustified.

B. Avoid fly-over restrictions that would impact the heavily used airlines currently travelled by commercial, military and private aircraft.

1. Major travel corridors exist north to south and especially east to west, where commercial routes from Detroit to Chicago, two important major hubs, are some of the busiest airways in the midwest in terms of number of flights and economic value.

2. Also potentially affected by any major restrictions and redirects would be the nearby Western Michigan University flight school located at the Battle Creek airport; Duncan Aviation production, maintenance and flight testing operations at the airport; and the long-standing annual “Field of Flight” hot air balloon festival that originates at the airport, with twice-daily balloon launches from and to varying points around the area that has often had them flying over the Base property at low altitudes. Festival flights by precision aircraft such as the Blue Angels have also used the airways for their high speed maneuvers that can occur over the Base. These are all important venues to both the city of Battle Creek and surrounding communities.

C. Unintended consequences must be weighed.

1. There are many species of concern at the Base in both option areas, from the Eastern Box Turtle to the endangered (but not yet listed) Massasauga rattlesnake, Cerulean warbler, and many species of insects and plants. Bald eagles now nest on the site. Over the past 100 years or so, this once degraded heavily farmed area has been rejuvenated partly by its own recovery to the various ecosystems that once met the early settlers to the region, but in large part due to the award-winning efforts of Base natural resource staff and many local, state and federal partners which have provided funding support and volunteer “sweat equity” to restoration efforts. It would be totally unacceptable to roll back the tide of progress and investment and again destroy what nature and our partners have so painstakingly recreated. The many awards from the military itself regarding these successes would be ironic indeed if allowed to become moot.

2. Within a 100 (air) mile radius of the Base reside over 3 million people, the largest direct human impact area of the four CIS possibilities. Certainly the location of such a site would be widely known and especially targeted by enemy forces intent on nuclear destruction. It makes no sense to deliberately risk such a sizeable population, and the assets they contain, when other less densely populated sites are available. MDA representatives noted in an April, 2014, initial meeting that being close to the Atlantic coast was an important attribute in the decision to
consider a new CIS installation. Fort Custer is the furthest of the four sites from the Atlantic, by far. It would be more logical to consider a site at the Fort Drum property in terms of minimizing negative human risk and maximizing proximity to the east coast. Eventually, of course, the comparative assessment of the four sites will give the public its next chance to evaluate the options available under the current scenario.

3. Base mission impact will likely be taken into account so that the areas under consideration will be judged on their merits with respect to how the CIS may limit or redefine each base's operation. Since such a large acreage (1,300 -) is expected to be dedicated to a CIS site if Fort Custer is chosen, and Fort Custer is a modest 7,500 acres m/l, with continually expanding demand for use of its facilities, it should be clear from the outset that any CIS development will not limit either the current or projected use of Base facilities both for military-type training and the public safety entities which depend on it for their training. Also that access to the on-site historic cemetery will not be curtailed, since relatives however distant of those interred there currently have been accommodated when desiring to visit the final resting place of loved ones and to do ongoing cemetery maintenance.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this stage of the CIS EIS. If you have any questions for me or I can help with the process, call me at and leave a message if I am out (likely!) or respond in writing to the above address. I look forward to future meetings and deliberation as the process of creating a final EIS and recommendations proceeds.

Sincerely,

Sandra E. Nordmark, PhD
From: Robyn Burlingham
Sent: Friday, September 12, 2014 3:58 PM
To: MDA.CIS.EIS
Subject: Environmental Impact Statement Comments
Attachments: CIS Letter of Support-signed, 091214.pdf

Please see the attached letter outlining the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi’s support of the Continental United States Interceptor Site.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Thank you.

ROBYN BURLINGHAM | Tribal Council/FDA Coordinator
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NOTTAWASEPPI HURON BAND OF THE POTAWATOMI
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To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 324 Labor Management Education Committee (OELMEC), please accept this letter of support urging the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek, Michigan for the future Continental United States Interceptor Site. OELMEC salutes the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center for their presence and positive impact in Southwestern Michigan.

Since 1917 the Battle Creek area has been a stronghold for military activity which has developed a rich history and tradition and a vast infrastructure in the region. The presence of the Defense Logistics Agency, the US Marine Corps Reserve, the US Navy Reserve, the VA Medical Center in Battle Creek, and the Fort Custer National Cemetery bordering Battle Creek further exemplify the regional commitment to United States Department of Defense programs. The decision to incorporate the Continental United States Interceptor Site into the fabric of Southwestern Michigan would further solidify the region as home to one of the most technologically advanced guard bases in the nation.

There is great promise and potential for Michigan in bringing the Continental United States Interceptor Site to the Battle Creek area as it would provide for economic development throughout the course of the construction and into the future, as well as furthering our national security. Let it be known that Michigan has the skilled workforce necessary to complete this project and exceed standards of safety, quality, and productivity.

OELMEC represents a very unique group in Michigan’s construction marketplace. In general terms we represent a labor-management trust fund. This fund was established twenty-two years ago to work with users of construction services, project managers, developers, financiers, etc. who are interested in receiving the best value for their construction dollar. The team is a single craft, multi-employer group: The Operating Engineers Local 324 represents craft workers, while employers are represented by four prominent employer associations – Associated General Contractors of Michigan (AGC), Great Lakes Fabricators & Erectors Association (GL FEA), Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association (MITA), and the Construction Association of Michigan (CAM).
Together, this 15,000 member statewide local union and the several hundred contractors who retain membership in the aforementioned associations can and will bring you unsurpassed construction value, quality, safety, productivity, and on-time completion. We ask that you compare our training programs — from heavy equipment operations to management supervision, our safety programs, the Global Positioning System training, and training for every phase of your project — to anyone in the industry. Our team has established the benchmarks.

OELMEC strongly encourages the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

Don O’Connell
Executive Director

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Attached are 3 more support letters from Pro Services.

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Once again, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Mike Orley
Director of New Development
Pro Services, Inc.
I am unable to attend public meetings being held locally to discuss the siting decision for a new Ballistic Missile Defense facility.

I am a resident of the community, and I wish to register my strongest opposition to siting this facility here. The system being discussed cannot perform any useful mission in the foreseeable future. It therefore ranks as one of the worst examples of wasteful federal spending imaginable. We have no desire to participate in this charade for the benefit of large defense contractors.

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Paul V. Pancella
Professor of Physics
Western Michigan University
Ground-Based Anti-Ballistic Missile Systems

NOT MUCH OF A DEFENSE

The Ground-Based Mid-Course System (GMD)

GMD, designed to defend the U.S. homeland against ICBMs, is the most complex and costly component of the U.S. missile defense system. The current operationally-deployed interceptors are intended to counter a limited attack by a rogue state with a single or very few missiles. In 2002, President Bush ordered the deployment of ground-based interceptors by 2004 to counter an ICBM attack by North Korea or Iran.

The Pentagon currently deploys 30 ground-based interceptors (GBIs), including 26 at Fort Greely, Alaska, and four at Vandenberg Air Force Base, California. On March 15, 2013, Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel announced that the Pentagon will deploy an additional 14 interceptors at Fort Greely, increasing the number of deployed GBIs to 44. The additional interceptors are scheduled to be deployed by 2017, at an estimated cost of about $1 billion.

Problems with GMD

GMD currently remains a prototype system. It was rushed into the field after President George W. Bush ordered a crash effort to deploy an initial operating defense capability in 2002. Then Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld exempted the Missile Defense Agency from standard procurement rules and testing standards, freeing it to use research and development money to buy and deploy the system quickly. The hurried deployment has compromised the system's effectiveness and reliability. According to then Missile Defense Agency Director Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, the interceptors currently fielded in Alaska and California are "more akin to prototypes than production-representative missiles.

GMD has a record of testing failures. There have been only 9 hits out of 17 tries of the system since 1999. About a third of the kill vehicles now in place are the same model that failed two tests in 2010. Furthermore, because each kill vehicle is somewhat unique, even a successful test cannot predict the performance of the other interceptors.

An operationally configured interceptor has yet to be tested against a target with ICBM range and speed, and there are no near term plans to do so.

Expanding GMD to the U.S. East Coast

In a letter to the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, the current head of the MDA, Vice Adm. James Syring, and head of the Army's Space and Missile Defense Command, stated that there is "no validated military requirement to deploy an East Coast missile defense site."

In June 2013, the Congressional Budget Office estimated that putting a GMD system on the east coast

Excerpted from an article at:
armscontrolcenter.org/issues/missiledefense/articles/fact_sheet_us_ballistic_missile_defense/
$3.4 Billion for Ground-Based Missile Defense is a Bad Investment

- **It won’t make us safe.** Even the military admits that the system is an unready prototype and that a third installation will not add to our security.

- **It’s a lousy job creator.** The GMD installation at Ft. Custer will create an estimated 300 jobs directly and 1500 indirectly. At a cost of $3.4 billion, that’s about $2 million per Michigan job. Overall, military spending is the worst form of government spending for job creation, netting less than 9 jobs for every million spent. Education spending, on the other hand, produces nearly three times as many jobs. nation.time.com/2011/09/21/study-federal-spending-on-defense-doesnt-create-as-many-jobs-as-education-spending/

- **America is facing real and immediate threats.** Like heart disease and cancer, which, according to CDC, together kill over a million Americans a year. A multibillion dollar investment in these areas will save far more lives than this system possibly could. Poverty and lack of education are major killers in the US, too, accountable for at least 4.5% of American deaths. (http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2011/06/110616193627.htm) Let’s set our spending priorities to do the most good.

- **It’s time to end the arms race.** For decades, we’ve been pouring our energy, effort, money and the lives of thousands of brave individuals into the relentless pursuit of nuclear superiority. Missile defense is just the latest escalation in that race, one which will prompt other nuclear powers to build or retain more missiles to overwhelm our defenses. This makes for a more dangerous world. We need to step back from the ledge.

This flyer was prepared by the members of Peace House in Kalamazoo, MI. We are dedicated to promoting nonviolence, community, and the dignity of all people. We provide a safe learning and playing space for children in the Eastside neighborhood. We believe in building a more just and peaceful future for all children.
Dear Sir or Madam,

Attached is a letter from the Battle Creek Area Association of REALTORS. The Association supports the Michigan Army National Guard Fort Custer Training Center for a missile defense system to protect the nation against threats. Thank you for allowing us to provide this letter regarding this important matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy A. Perrett, CEO
Battle Creek Area Association of REALTORS
September 3, 2014

Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.
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Sent via electronic delivery

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Battle Creek Area Association of REALTORS® supports the Michigan Army National Guard Fort Custer Training Center for a missile defense system to protect the nation against threats.

The economic impact will provide job creation for 250 full time military personnel and 50 civilian jobs. Spinoff job creation is estimated at 1,800. Local construction will be $700 million, with a multi-billion dollar economic impact. In addition, Calhoun County’s local housing market would be impacted positively by this job creation.

Battle Creek’s military history and tradition of embracing and supporting soldiers, veterans and their families spans nearly a century. We urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system. Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kathy Perrett
Chief Executive Officer

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Attached is a letter of support signed by the President of Pro Services, Curt Petersen.

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July 7, 2014

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Once again, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Curt Petersen
President
Pro Services, Inc.
A resolution to urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency (MDA) to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as the location for a new Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) ballistic missile defense mission.

Whereas, The GBI is the key defense tool protecting our state and nation from ballistic missile attacks; and

Whereas, The GBI is unmatched in its ability to locate and eliminate incoming warheads well outside the earth’s atmosphere using missiles that do not include explosive components; and

Whereas, The placement of the GBI system in Battle Creek will take full advantage of Fort Custer’s tactical location and security; and

Whereas, The selection of Battle Creek/ Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the GBI mission will not impact other successful Air National Guard, Army Reserve or National Guard Training Center missions or create a nuisance for neighboring citizens; and

Whereas, Battle Creek’s military history and tradition of embracing and supporting soldiers, veterans and their families spans nearly a century; and

Whereas, The Missions based at Fort Custer are integral to the economy of Southwest Michigan providing more than $22 million in total wages and salaries and $26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County; and

Whereas, The selection of Fort Custer for the GBI mission will include a multi-billion dollar investment along with 250 new jobs for Michigan and will leverage over $100 million in federal, state, and local investments that have been made over the last decade alone in order to make Battle Creek’s military bases some of the most up-to-date, technologically advanced guard bases in the nation and;

Whereas, The greater Battle Creek/Calhoun County Region remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That we urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system; and be it further

Resolved, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Director of the United States Missile Defense Agency, the United States Secretary of Defense, and members of Michigan’s Congressional delegation.
July 11, 2014

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Dear Sir or Madam,

On behalf of the Western Michigan University College of Aviation, located in Battle Creek, Michigan, we support the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve at Fort Custer Training Center, not just for their innovative people and capabilities, but for their unwavering community citizenship.

Battle Creek and its residents have a long history of embracing and supporting soldiers and their families, as well as veterans since 1917. As you may already be aware, Fort Custer Training Center conducted military training during WWI and was designated a permanent military training base during WWII. Today this site is heavily used, diverse, and serves other branches of the armed forces across the region, including ROTC, and law enforcement agencies.

There is no better infrastructure than what can be found in Battle Creek. The WMU College of Aviation calls the W.K. Kellogg Airport home and we are proud neighbors of the Battle Creek Air National Guard. The college is among the top three collegiate aviation training programs in the U.S. and graduates aviation professionals in the areas of maintenance, management, and flight sciences. There have been significant investments made in the base and at the airport in recent years. Airport users enjoy the new state-of-the-art air traffic control tower and the multiple runways, including the longest, measuring at 10,001 feet.

We believe Michigan’s Fort Custer Training Center would serve as the absolute perfect location for the proposed Ground-Based Midcourse Defense site.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Captain Dave Powell
Dean
MDA CIS ESI,
I have read various articles in the Kalamazoo Gazette about the Fort Custer Training Center as a possible site for a new ground-based missile system. I would like to know where the 3.2 billion dollars comes from. Also I would like to know what it will cost each year to maintain and operate the program. Which budget or budgets finance the program? Are the expenses covered by existing taxes or are they deficit spending which increases the national debt? Are there any non funded mandates to state and local governments? If the county boards from Kalamazoo and Calhoun counties oppose the project will that legally affect locating the missile system in south western Michigan? Please answer my questions.
Thank You,
Larry Provancher

Sent from my iPad
July 22, 2014

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Dear Sir or Madam: On behalf of Duncan Aviation Inc., located in Battle Creek, Michigan and with headquarters in Lincoln, Nebraska, we encourage your positive consideration of the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek / Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Duncan Aviation’s Battle Creek facility is happy to support the Battle Creek Air National Guard and the Michigan National Guard and Reserve Fort Custer Training Center. These institutions and organizations have a positive impact on the Battle Creek area through their strong job creation and job retention activity, their investment in local infrastructure, and overall community citizenship. In fact, Duncan Aviation employs a number of Guard personnel and considers the National Guard to be an excellent neighbor on our airfield.

These Department of Defense missions that are based in or adjacent to Battle Creek are very important to the economy of Southwest Michigan. Total wages and salaries from these missions equal $22 million and contribute $26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County.

As supportive corporate citizens of Battle Creek, Calhoun County, and Kalamazoo County, Duncan Aviation Inc. encourages the selection of Fort Custer for the GMI mission because we understand that it will include a multi-billion dollar investment along with the creation of 250 new jobs. It will also leverage over $100 million in federal, state, and local investments that have already been made to Battle Creek's military bases that has resulted in keeping them the most up-to-date and technologically advanced guard bases in the nation.

Thank you for your consideration of this letter of support.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Andy Richards
Vice President
Completions and Modifications
Duncan Aviation Inc. Battle Creek, MI
I strongly support the proposed installation at Fort Custer, Michigan.
William C. Richardson

Sent from my iPad
Comment Sheet for the
Continental United States (CONUS)
Interceptor Site (CIS)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Thank you for attending this public scoping meeting. Our purpose for hosting this meeting is to give you an opportunity to comment on issues to be analyzed in the EIS. Please use this sheet to comment on any issues that you feel should be addressed. To ensure that your comments are addressed, we must receive your comments by September 15, 2014.

Date: August 28, 2014

To build such a huge system in the Midwest to defend against North Korea and Iran makes no sense. They have no such weapons capability and have no chance of developing it. It seems ridiculous that Michigan would be a good place to have a missile base against Iran and N. Korea. Russia is the real potential threat. Diplomacy is the better option. Continued cooperation with Russia in drawdown of nuclear weapons.

"Armor is a paranoid construct"
- Fritz Perls
psychologist

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Affiliation: Kalamazoo Friends Meeting
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July 10, 2014

Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.
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Sincerely,

Thomas O. Schlueter
President – Kalamazoo Region
Mercantile Bank of Michigan
August 12, 2014

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The missions currently based at Fort Custer are a welcomed and integral part of the economy of Southwest Michigan as well as a source of pride. They provide more than $22 million in total wages and salaries and $26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County. Selecting Fort Custer for the CIS will boost this economic impact not only with its proposed multi-billion dollar investment, but also with the 250 new jobs projected to accompany it. Locating CIS at Fort Custer will also leverage the over $100 million in federal, state and local investments that have been made over the last decade to make Battle Creek’s military bases some of the most up-to-date, technologically advanced guard bases in the nation. Because of the United States Department of Defense’s long-term commitment to the location, the entire Southwest Michigan region remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations.

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Sincerely,

Gary Schultz
President/CEO
Kazoo, Inc.
Comment Sheet for the
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Interceptor Site (CIS)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

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Or
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Fax: 913-458-1091

Date: 8-27-2014

As a citizen and纳税
COUNTY COMMISSIONER, CONTINUE INFORMATION WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME. UNDER GOOD CIRCUMSTANCES AND PUBLIC INPUT I AM SURE OUR COMMUNITY WOULD BENEFIT AND SUPPORT OUR MILITARY MISSION HERE.

Name:  Michael H. Seals
Affiliation:  Kalamazoo County Commission
Street Address:  
City, State, Zip Code:
Email:  

K-392
Sent on behalf of Tim Sinden, President, Truck North America, Eaton

Good Afternoon,

I am unable to attend the July 31, 2014, public hearing at Galesburg-Augusta High School. Attached is our letter of support for the selection of the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek, Calhoun and Kalamazoo Counties as the location for the future Continental United States Interceptor Site.

Sincerely,

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July 22, 2014

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cc: Derek Nofz
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Date: 8/26/2014

I am very positive about this endeavor. I sincerely hope that the Rock is chosen for the site and that Congress approves the funding for the project. Not only would the creation of additional jobs in our area be a benefit, but the fact that we would do something constructive to stop the enemy from using our weapons for no reason - a country would make me very proud. If you need any information about our community and the benefits and detriments of selecting this area, I can be of service in any other way to ensure this area is selected for this project. Please don't hesitate to contact me. I am a retired DOD Federal Government employee and was raised in the Air Force. I am very supportive of our military and their mission. Thank you all - great job!

Name: CATHERINE SKELDING
Affiliation: RESIDENT
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code:
Email:
Please see attached letter to support the Battle Creek’s Fort Custer Base.

Kit Snyder, CCE
President/CEO
Consumers Credit Union

www.consumerscu.org
July 15, 2014

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Kit Snyder, CCE
President and CEO
Consumers Credit Union
August 12, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Department of Defense considers locations for a future ground based missile defense site, we respectfully urge the selection of the Combined Training Center (CTC) Fort Custer in Michigan. Operated by the Michigan National Guard, Fort Custer is the most cost effective and environmentally sound contender under consideration. We are confident that, should an additional ground based missile defense site be authorized by Congress, Fort Custer would be able to accommodate any construction schedule you require.

Fort Custer easily meets your requirements for land and airspace, as well as your energy needs through innovative partnerships with the private sector. The communities in southwest Michigan are supportive of this project and have a history of vigorously supporting the military.

Conveniently located between Kalamazoo and Battle Creek, Fort Custer was built in 1917 as a training facility for World War I. It is currently home to the Michigan Army National Guard’s 177th Regiment, Regional Training Institute, and the Augusta Armory. National Guard units from across the Midwest train at Fort Custer. Navy Reserve and Marine Reserve are tenants on the facility, and the Michigan State Police, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and many local emergency responders use Fort Custer’s facilities. It is adjacent to the 110th Wing at the W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base in Battle Creek, which includes a 10,000 foot runway that can accommodate the largest aircraft in the Defense Department’s arsenal. Both facilities, as part of the Michigan Cyber Initiative, are connected to the Michigan Cyber Range and offer state of the art opportunities to train in the cybersecurity field.

We were pleased to host the Missile Defense Agency team at Fort Custer on several occasions, and await future engagements. We look forward to supporting the Missile Defense Agency’s mission and urge the Department of Defense to locate the next ground based missile defense site at Fort Custer.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Rick Snyder  
Governor

MG Greg Vajnais  
The Adjutant General
July 7, 2014

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Sincerely,

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Paul A. Spaude, FACHE
President & CEO
Borgess Health
August 13, 2014

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Very truly yours,

[Signature]

James E. Spurr

JES/psw
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To Whom It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support urging the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center (FCTC) in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as the location for a new Ground Based Interceptor (GBI) ballistic missile defense mission.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is the transportation service provider for the State of Michigan with a statewide highway system, including the interstate system originally constructed with Department of Defense funds. MDOT owns and operates Interstate-94, Interstate-94 Business Loop, and Michigan-96, which serve as the majority portion of the perimeter highway network serving the FCTC.

MDOT recognizes its responsibility in moving people and goods, and therefore plans to improve the Interstate-94/Exit 92 interchange and Interstate-94 Business Loop highway, which are located along the east boundary of the FCTC in 2015; and improve the Interstate-94/Exit 88 interchange which is located at the southwest boundary of the FCTC in 2016. In both cases, these projects are being planned in collaboration with Department of Defense officials, including coordination of real estate transactions.

MDOT supports a statewide airport system, including the City of Battle Creek’s W.K. Kellogg Airport, a transport airport. With a 10,003-foot primary runway, it is a facility that can accommodate all types and sizes of aircraft.

MDOT supports a statewide passenger and cargo railroad system that includes the Amtrak passenger service and the Norfolk Southern Railway and Canadian National Railway cargo railroad systems, each of which serve Battle Creek.

MDOT supports an intercity bus system and community-based public transit systems, including the City of Battle Creek’s transit system, both of which serve Battle Creek.
These highway, airport, railroad, and transit facilities and services function in support of the selection of Battle Creek as the location for the new GBI system. Changes in these transportation facilities are not required to support the new GBI system, thereby saving taxpayers any financial costs relative to transportation infrastructure and services associated with the placement of the GBI system at the FCTC.

The Michigan Department of Transportation urges the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,

Kirk T. Steudle
Director
July 7, 2014

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Sincerely,

Scott Sylvester
Chief Operations Officer
Consumers Credit Union
Kalamazoo, MI
RESOLUTION

The Township of Schoolcraft, located in Kalamazoo County, supports the potential Missile Defense Agency proposed ground based interceptor installation at the Michigan Army National Guard Fort Custer Training Center; and

Whereas, the Fort Custer Training Center spans 7,500 acres in both Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties, and the proposed missile defense installation could bring $700 million in local construction, a multi-billion economic impact in the region, 250 new military jobs, 50 new civilian jobs, and an estimated 1,800 additional spinoff jobs; and

Whereas, Department of Defense missions are integral to the economy of Southwest Michigan providing more than $22 million in total wages and salaries and $26 million gross regional product (Upjohn Institute for Employment Research); and

Whereas, the proposed missile defense installation would fit well with the patriotic nature of Southwest Michigan residents evidenced by the tradition of supporting the presence of the Michigan Air National Guard 110th Airlift Wing, the Michigan Army National Guard, the Defense Logistics Agency, the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, the U.S. Navy Reserve, and the VA Medical Center as well as regional support for the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Kalamazoo County; and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the Township of Schoolcraft urges the Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

MOVED BY: [Signature]
SECONDED BY: [Signature]

RESOLVED ON THE [Date] DAY OF [Month] 2014

[Signature] [Date]
Supervisor Date
July 14, 2014

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Date: 28 AUG 2014

5. MUCH PREFER OPTION 1 OVER OPTION 2.

OPTION 2 RAISES THESE CONCERNS:
1) LIGHT POLLUTION, PARTICULARLY WHEN THERE IS NOT A FULL CANOPY OF LEAVES ON OUR CAMPGROUNDS I SEE FROM THE SITE FOR OPTION 2.
2) NOISE DURING CONSTRUCTION IMPACTING TRAIL USERS, CAMPERS AND OTHER PARK VISITORS.
3) EFFECTS ON WETLANDS IN THE SWOFFORD OR THE RECREATION AREA FROM CONSTRUCTION RUN-OFF OR ANY WATERCOURSES ARE ACTED

Name: Tony Trosanzuski
Affiliation: SOM AND FT. CUSTER REC. AREA
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code
Email:
Good morning:

Attached you will find a letter from U.S. Rep. Fred Upton (MI-06) in support of the Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta, Michigan, which is currently being reviewed for a potential additional missile interceptor site.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Sincerely,

Nick

Nick Culp
Senior Legislative Assistant/Media Advisor
U.S. Representative Fred Upton (MI-06)
Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp
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To Whom It May Concern:

As the Department of Defense studies potential locations for an East Coast missile defense site, I wish to express my strong support for the Fort Custer Training Center in Augusta, Michigan, as the future home of this important national security mission.

Strategically located between Chicago and Detroit, the region surrounding Fort Custer boasts the robust critical infrastructure necessary to support the construction and long-term success of this mission, including surface and air transportation; energy; housing; and education. Positioned near two major interstates highways (I-94 and I-69), the location is a stone’s throw away from the 110th Airlift Wing at the W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base, which boasts a 10,000-foot runway capable of meeting Department of Defense needs. Presently home to the Michigan Army National Guard’s 177th Regiment, the Regional Training Institute, and the Augusta Armory, the Fort Custer Training Center is the heart of a community with a proud and longstanding history of supporting our military and its veterans.

Public support for the selection of Fort Custer has been overwhelming at every level. Both our state’s Governor and Adjutant General are strong supporters and recognize the importance of this mission. The Kalamazoo County Board of Commissioners, the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, and the Michigan State Senate (among others) have all passed resolutions formally endorsing the site, and the Michigan State House is expected to do the same. Fort Custer also has the backing of the region’s two leading economic development organizations – Southwest Michigan First and Battle Creek Unlimited – as well as the recent endorsement of the Kalamazoo Gazette – the area’s largest print and online news source.

I recently attended the Missile Defense Agency’s public scoping meeting in Augusta, which was preceded by a tour of the two potential interceptor sites at the training center location. The meeting was well-planned, informative, and well-attended – MDA leadership and staff deserve to be commended for a job well done.

I am one who has always recognized that providing for our national security and care of our veterans are priorities that rise about politics. I have never hesitated to stand by our Armed
Forces to ensure that they have the training, resources, and funding necessary to succeed both here at home and abroad. I have also supported efforts to provide for greater collaboration with our first responders to prepare for any contingency.

With growing threats from rogue states like Iran and North Korea – along with emerging threats posed by well-financed terrorist organizations like ISIS – we as a nation need to be prepared for the worst. The location of a future interceptor site is a decision that is vital to our national security and thus must be based on that above all else. That is why I am excited that we have such a top-notch site ready to go here in Southwest Michigan. I respectfully urge you to locate the next interceptor site at Fort Custer.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Fred Upton
Member of Congress
August 14, 2014

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Sincerely,

Erik VanAllen
CFO
Getman Corporation
Attached are 3 more support letters from Pro Services.

Mike VandeMaele-CEO
James Morris-VP of Operations
Mike Orley-Director of New Development

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Molly Teufel
Administration/Marketing/Recruiting

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July 7, 2014

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Michael Vandemael
Chief Executive Officer
Pro Services, Inc.
DAVID WALTERS
Mayor of the City of Battle Creek

MAYOR WALTERS: My name is Dave
Walters and I'm the Mayor of the City of
Battle Creek.

I am here to serve you and I want
to know how we can help you and serve you in
bringing this missile defense system to the
City of Battle Creek and the Fort Custer
military installation that's within our City
limits.

I think it's very important to
understand that we have had military
installations within the City of Battle
Creek for almost a hundred years. And the
support that is surrounding these military
installations is absolutely phenomenal and
fantastic in the entire community.

And in fact, the surrounding
communities get together and support the
military efforts.

I would like to make myself
available should you have any questions, any
concerns, or any information that you need
about the City of Battle Creek. I would be more than happy to answer any and all of those questions.

The contact information would be Mayor David Walters, the mailing address would be 10 North Division, which is City Hall in the City of Battle Creek, and the zip code is 49014. A phone number for me would be area code 269-209-0626, and an e-mail address would all be small case, daw Walters4 -- like the number four -- bc@aol.com.

This is a very important decision and we realize that there's going to be some time between now and when a final decision is made.

We hope that you give the City of Battle Creek and the Fort Custer military installation area the kind of respect that it deserves. And please, please understand that we will support this effort from this point going forward. And in fact, I just learned that we have been supporting it even prior to this point.

So we want to make sure that we
make ourselves available. Please do not hesitate to contact us regarding anything so we can make this happen and obviously serve the country as well as serve the needs and goals of the City of Battle Creek.

Thank you very much for your time,
Mayor Dave Walters, City of Battle Creek.

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Comment Sheet for the
Continental United States (CONUS)
Interceptor Site (CIS)
Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

Thank you for attending this public scoping meeting. Our purpose for hosting this meeting is to give you an opportunity to comment on issues to be analyzed in the EIS. Please use this sheet to comment on any issues that you feel should be addressed. To ensure that your comments are addressed, we must receive your comments by September 15, 2014.

Date: 28 Aug, 2014

I REALLY HOPE THIS COMES TO FT. CUSTER MI.
WE NEED AN EXPANDED MILITARY PRESENCE HERE. THIS WILL ALSO BOOST THE ECONOMY.

Name: Bradford R. Warsop
Affiliation: USAF (RET) DAS
Street Address:
City, State, Zip Code: 
Email: 

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Please see the attached letter outlining the Waséyabek Development Company, LLC support of the continental United States Interceptor Site.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you!

JESSI GOLDNER  |  Office Administrator  
|  o: 269.704.8427  c: 269.704.8595  |  www.nhbpi.com

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September 15, 2014

RE: Support for Intercontinental Missile Defense System at Fort Custer

To Whom It May Concern:

The Waseyabek Development Company, LLC, a wholly owned entity of the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Indians, a federally recognized Tribal Government, strongly supports constructing an intercontinental missile defense system at Fort Custer located in Kalamazoo and Calhoun Counties, State of Michigan.

First and foremost, we believe this is a very important project for the defense of our country. We understand that this is a ground based system for defense purposes only, and that there are no nuclear warheads. We have seen job growth potential of 200-300 direct jobs and other estimates of up to 1,800 temporary jobs, and $3.2 billion in investment. These are staggering numbers and represent a significant impact on the entire region and State of Michigan.

Michigan is uniquely qualified to site such a facility on the eastern side of the country, and Battle Creek is similarly distinct, being located on a major, inter-state highway, approximately mid-way between Chicago and Detroit. Michigan is known internationally for highly concentrated engineering population, manufacturing prominence and skilled trades. Each of these areas position Michigan above other states and locations, and above all, Michigan workers have strong work ethic and performance.

The Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi’s Tribal Council established Waseyabek Development Company, LLC to further economic diversification goals and provide employment opportunities. As one of the largest employers in Calhoun County, we see the job growth and investment potential as key to expanding prospects for business development and job creation, and believe the advantages of this project far outweigh any disadvantages.

Migwéch (thank you) very much for the opportunity to submit comment on this project.

Sincerely,

Chris Day  
Board Member

Terri L. Fitzpatrick  
Board Member

Gilbert L. Holliday III  
Board Member

Rod Lanning  
Board Member

James A. TenBrink  
Board Member
August 7, 2014

Black & Veatch Special Projects Corp.
Attn: MDACIS EIS
6601 College Boulevard
Overland Park, KS 66211-1504

To Whom It May Concern.

Please accept this letter of support, urging the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as the location for the future Continental United States Interceptor Site (CIS).

The placement of the CIS at this location will take full advantage of Fort Custer’s tactical and secure location. The infrastructure already in place at Fort Custer will allow the CIS to benefit from the location’s proximity to other successful Air National Guard, Army Reserve and National Guard Training Center missions. And because of the site’s expansiveness, the proposed CIS will not impact these existing missions or create a nuisance for neighboring citizens.

The missions currently based at Fort Custer are integral to the economy of Southwest Michigan providing more than $22 million in total wages and salaries and $26 million in gross regional product to Calhoun County. The selection of Fort Custer for the CIS will further positively contribute to this economic impact not only with its proposed multi-billion dollar investment, but also with the 250 new jobs which will accompany it. It will leverage over $100 million in federal, state and local investments that have been made over the last decade to make Battle Creek’s military bases some of the most up-to-date, technologically advanced guard bases in the nation. Because of the United States Department of Defense’s long-term commitment to the location, the entire Southwest Michigan region remains a staunch supporter and defender of Fort Custer and all of its military installations.

Once again, I urge the United States Department of Defense Missile Defense Agency to select the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties for the expansion of the national missile defense system.

Sincerely,
Missle defense system is necessary to rebuild some of Michigans economy.

Since Michigan is the highest unemployable state next to Nevada it is a power boost for the people here.

Being a Army vet myself I know the government would do much for jobs and additional business here that is necessary.

Please build the Missle base here at Ft. Custer, Battle Creek, MI.

Gary Webster E-5 U. S. Army and fellow vets.
Please see the attached letter regarding the Missile Defense Agency’s consideration of the Fort Custer Training Center in Battle Creek/Calhoun and Kalamazoo counties as for the location for the future Continental United States Interceptor Site.

Thank you.
Ron Wiser

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July 15, 2014

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Via e-mail – MDA.CIS.EIS@BV.COM

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[Signature]

Ronald B. Wiser, CFP, CLU, ChFC
MR. WRIGHT: In my opinion this should be a big boon for this community. The effects of a project of this size and the trickle-down effects from a project of this size and a base here would be large to this community.

And from the aspects of a sheet metal construction worker, the skilled trades of our area, the building trades of our area are able and available and trained to assist in producing a quality, on-time, on-budget, on-schedule project with our skilled and trained individuals.

The value of using a skilled trained work force that does a four-year apprenticeship program gives you the project done correctly the first time with a minimal amount of redo. So there is value to the owner and user.

The endeavors of this area in the industrial aspect with all of Michigan have been known for years and we excel in that market. The availability of local
contractors and the HVAC and the industrial industry from my standpoint as a sheet metal worker are second to none.

As a business agent, we have a skilled, trained work force ready and available.

And we would like everybody to consider during this process looking at not only low value, low dollar bids but what you're getting for that low dollar bid having each and every individual operating safely and competently and compared to just say one or two people knowing what to do and passing it down to the people behind them. This happens on a lot of job sites.

Each of our trained apprenticeships, no matter what trade they go to, go through rigorous training and qualifications that are accredited by places like KCC here in Battle Creek where you come out with almost an associate's at the end of our four-year apprenticeship training.

So we understand the value of higher learning and upgrade training and we strive to keep our work force competitive in
this market field, which means we have to
work harder, faster, smarter. And we're
used to doing that everyday.

And it's my hopes that this comes
to this area because the construction site
of a project like this would be huge for the
workers that do construction, it would be
very large for the civilian population and
the economic development of this area.

Hiring local contractors keeps
money local. It's spent here in these
communities and we would like that to be a
consideration rather than bringing in
contractors and work forces from -- let's
say out of state who will in turn take that
money out of this community and back home.
It has little effect to our community here.

And that's basically the sales
pitch I have for our membership.

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