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The Honorable Ryan D. McCarthy  
Secretary of the Army  
U.S. Department of the Army  
16 Army Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Secretary McCarthy:

I am writing to express my support for the selection of Fort Benning in Columbus, Georgia as the new home for the U.S. Army's Fourth Corps Headquarters. The ideal location will have assets that are aligned with the mission of the U.S. Army's Fourth Corps – preparing Army personnel for stateside and overseas missions. It is well within the capacity of Fort Benning to host the additional 700 personnel, and they boast the capability to maintain military readiness as well as a commitment to the further growth and strengthening of our national defense.

Fort Benning is an economically viable option due to its existing capacity, which will keep the costs of developing and maintaining the headquarters at a minimum. As one of the largest Army bases in the world, Fort Benning is committed to the U.S. Army and its strategic objectives. As home to several institutions that are dedicated to the development of skilled military leaders, including the Maneuver Center of Excellence, the U.S. Army Armor and Infantry Schools, and the 507<sup>th</sup> Parachute Infantry Regiment; Fort Benning is in a position of military readiness with the ability to deploy combat-ready forces.

Georgia has a strategic advantage as we are home to a global transportation hub that places Fort Benning in proximity to Hartsfield-Jackson Airport and the Port of Savannah. I believe Fort Benning has the necessary capacity, capability and commitment that will contribute to the specific purpose of the Fourth Corps Headquarters and will serve the overall mission of the U.S. Army. With this in mind, and knowing the prospects that Georgia has to offer, I fully support Ft. Benning's application to become the Headquarters for the U.S. Army's Fourth Corps.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Geoff Duncan  
Lt. Governor of Georgia