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Ronald P. Klattenberg  
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Dear Councilman Klattenberg:

I am writing on behalf of the Westfield Residents Association to express our heartfelt thanks for your support of Resolution 134-08 (Concerning the Army Training Facility proposed for Boardman Lane). The resolution very forcefully enumerates the many reasons why the Boardman Lane site is unsuitable for a new Armed Forces Reserve Center. Its unanimous passage at the August 4<sup>th</sup> Common Council affirms the clear consensus in our town that the Army Corps of Engineers must choose a different facility site.

Your continued oversight regarding the Army Corps of Engineers' site selection process is critical for our elected federal officials' efforts to ensure the Reserve Center is built only on the best site possible. We hope that you will closely monitor the actions called for by the resolution, and keep us apprised of their outcomes. If the Army Corps of Engineers starts the site selection process over again, as suggested by Attorney General Blumenthal, would you let us know? If not, would you share the following information with us if/when it becomes available?

- We would be grateful to receive copies of the letters that Mayor Giuliano sends to Middletown's Congressional delegation.
- We respectfully request updates on the following issues:
  - Has Middletown's lobbyist taken action?
  - Have any City departments or agencies taken steps to prevent the use of the Boardman Lane site for the training facility?
  - Has the City received permission to access the site for independent assessment?
  - Has the Corps of Engineers agreed to submit its plans to the Inland Wetlands Commission?
  - Has the Corps of Engineers agreed that a full and complete Environmental Impact Statement needs to be prepared?

If the Corps of Engineers continue to ignore the unanimous will of the Common Council and the Mayor, we hope you will do everything in your power to encourage our state and federal officials to intervene in the site selection process.

Again, all of the members of the WRA, and undoubtedly nearly all other Middletown residents, are grateful for your support of the resolution.

Sincerely yours,

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