May 23, 2017

Mr. Paul Sarlo
Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee
Office of Legislative Services
State House Annex
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Re: DMAVA Senate Budget Hearing - May 4, 2017

Sir:

Please accept the following as the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans’ Affairs’ (DMAVA) response to the question posed by Senator Jennifer Beck during the DMAVA hearing conducted before the Senate Budget Committee on May 4, 2017. For your reference, the attached correspondence, dated May 10, 2017, contains Senator Beck’s question

Senator Beck:

Q. With regard to the “waterfall” provision in the Balfour Beatty housing contract with the United States Navy regarding the Naval Weapons Station at Earle which ultimately allows civilians to live on the base, what actions can the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs take to ensure the security of the base and residents of adjacent communities, and to prevent civilians from residing on the base?

A. Naval Weapons Station Earle and its activities are controlled by federal authorities, more specifically the Secretary of the Navy and Department of Defense. As a result, the New Jersey Department of Military and Veterans Affairs is not party to Naval Weapons Station Earle housing contracts. However, the Department maintains an open line of communication with the New Jersey Military Growth and Development Task Force and our Congressional delegation to discuss this and other matters and ensure that local concerns are heard at the federal level.
Respectfully submitted,

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