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Re: Proposal for Veteran Senior Housing and
Disabled Veteran Housing
NWS Earle (Laurelwood Housing Project)

Dear Gentleman:

Firstly, on behalf of the entire Tinton Falls community, we offer our heartfelt thanks for the meritorious military service that all of you all have rendered and our appreciation for your dedication to advancing the goals of housing for our senior and disabled veterans. We are also grateful for the opportunity to discuss this at our recent meeting and your willingness to provide a presentation to the Tinton Falls Borough Council this evening. As indicated in your press release of March 27, 2009, your proposal to develop the Laurelwood Housing Project at Naval Weapons Station Earle through U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Section 8 Voucher Program enabling senior veterans and senior disabled veterans to secure adequate housing is an original and insightful idea; it combines the fulfillment of goals that support our military retirees and minimizes the potential negative impacts on the Tinton Falls community and school systems, in particular.


Your preliminary presentation is convincing in that the use of a HUD Development funded project creates a "win-win" situation for the Navy, the present developer, and the Boroughs of Tinton Falls and Colts Neck – it minimizes the impact on the community from the planned privatization of the Laurelwood Housing Development while providing an urgently needed housing source for senior veterans and disabled veterans.

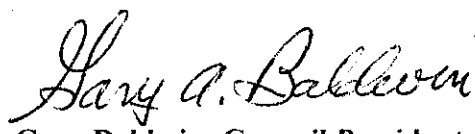
We intend to vigorously pursue this discussion and offer our support for this conceptual proposal and would welcome the opportunity to join with you in any meeting with our elected State and Federal representatives in order to move this proposal along as quickly as possible.

As you know, we have gone on record in opposing the Draft of the Environmental Impact Statement provided by the Navy and their stated goal of redevelopment of the Laurelwood Housing area for private rental residences. After review of your proposal, we believe our elected representatives will see the merits of your proposal as advancing the very public interests at stake while minimizing the impacts of further private development at Earle NWS.

We urge all of our elected leaders to support this proposal and pledge our support and any assistance we can render to move this proposal forward.

Sincerely,


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