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General James F. Amos
Commandant of the United States Marine Corps
3000 Marine Corps Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1400

Dear General Amos:

I understand that the Marine Corps is continuing to examine the possibility of moving the Kansas City Information Technology Center (KCITC). I write today to reiterate my strong support for keeping the ITC in Kansas City and opposition to its being moved elsewhere.

As you know, since first being made aware that the Marine Corps was considering an alternative location for KCITC, I have consistently urged you and the Marine Corps to thoroughly consider the clear advantages of keeping the center in Kansas City as well as the drawbacks associated with any move in location. Relocating the KCITC would require the movement of nearly 400 government employees and contractors and the construction of a facility that essentially duplicates the space currently utilized by the Marines in Kansas City. Such changes would be highly disruptive to employees and their families, and would be a waste of U.S. taxpayer dollars at a time when we cannot afford to waste a single dollar.

The Marine Corps has long had a presence in the Kansas City area. For decades, the Marine Corps and the Kansas City community have enjoyed the benefits of their partnership. There is tremendous potential for this relationship to grow and strengthen in the future with the Marine Corps maintaining its longstanding and mutually beneficial partnership with Kansas City.

The KCITC is meeting the Marine Corps' needs today and maintaining its current location is the best solution for the future. I will continue to be a vocal advocate for a strong Marine Corps presence in Kansas City and for maintaining and growing the KCITC in Kansas City because it clearly is the most fiscally responsible approach and is the right solution for the Marine Corps and Kansas City. I am confident you will continue to agree with this view as you evaluate the future of the facility.

Sincerely,



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