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Dear MG Quantock,

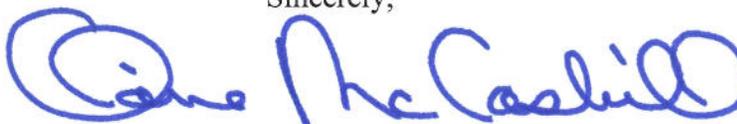
Thank you for reaching out to me regarding the January 30th St. Louis Post-Dispatch article on sexual assaults at Fort Leonard Wood and for highlighting your ongoing efforts to address this urgent issue. I appreciate your forthrightness and leadership, as well as your acknowledgement that the status quo is unacceptable in terms of the worrisome numbers of sexual assaults at Fort Leonard Wood.

As a Senator from Missouri and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, I share your deep concern about the problem of sexual trauma and assault. Fort Leonard Wood is a place of great pride for all Missourians, and I want to work with you to ensure that this serious problem is eradicated – our goal can and must be to have zero sexual assaults amongst our Soldiers and Civilians at Fort Leonard Wood. I also share your concern about the much broader problem with military sexual trauma in the Army and the Department of Defense, which continue to see increases in cases of sexual assault and harassment.

Mothers and fathers across our Nation entrust their sons and daughters to our military, bravely knowing that their child may pay the ultimate sacrifice for their country when fighting a dangerous enemy. What they will not tolerate, and what I will not allow, is when our Soldiers feel unsafe within their own military family. We must work from the ground up, starting in installations like Fort Leonard Wood, to change the culture, policies and legal structures to prevent sexual assault and to ensure that victims have a fair and appropriate outlet to seek justice.

I look forward to working with you to bring the proper resources, support, policies and procedures to bear to help you achieve the goal of zero sexual assaults at Fort Leonard Wood. I would appreciate your feedback on what can be done to help Fort Leonard Wood with this vexing problem. As always, thank you for your leadership and service to our Nation.

Sincerely,



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