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U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Kansas City District
Attn: Amy Blair
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Kansas City, MO. 64106

Dear Ms. Blair:

“Choosing the right location is absolutely critical for the future of our mission.” This statement was recently made by the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency’s Program Director Susan Pollmann at a public meeting about the NGA’s new West facility. This decision is important for many reasons, including:

- Providing a modern, secure workplace for NGA’s current employees new hires,
- Considering options for future expansion,
- Choosing a location with minimal issues,
- Getting this project under construction soon,
- Keeping St. Louis neighborhoods intact and
- Providing job opportunities for people in the southern Illinois and St. Louis region.

In the Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the Corps has indicated that the NGA West project could generate 1,345 construction-related jobs and that 85 percent of the work could be done by a local construction workforce and 40 percent of construction materials would be purchased locally. Construction of such a large facility would also have good, stable jobs that provide support services to keep a facility of this type up and running. I, for one, would be thrilled to have a chance to work at a place like NGA and feel it would be a good thing for people in my community who are in need of respectable, high-paying jobs.

I feel strongly that the Scott Air Force Base (St. Clair County) site best meets the NGA's needs for its new facility with minimal disruptions to the surrounding community-unlike the St. Louis city site. The city site is located in a high-crime, blighted area, and building a new facility there would displace longtime residents, churches and businesses.

I support NGA's selection of the Scott Air Force (St. Clair County) site. We need this facility and the jobs it can bring to the area.

Sincerely,



Jay C. Hoffman
State Representative
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