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National Commission on the Future of the Army Headquarters  
2530 Crystal Drive, Suite #5000  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioners:

As the 47th Governor of Pennsylvania, it is my great honor to be Commander-in-Chief of the Commonwealth's military forces. Every day, I am humbled by the service of those who stand ready to help maintain a strong national defense and a robust state military response capability. As you may already be aware, Pennsylvania has a longstanding reputation of supporting its military forces. The Commonwealth fields the second-largest Army National Guard (with 15,800 members) and the fourth-largest Army Reserve (with 8,989 members) in the nation. Pennsylvania's service members exemplify true Army excellence.

The Pennsylvania National Guard, for instance, is a full partner in the Total Army Force. Over the past thirteen years, the National Guard has seen approximately 40,000 individual overseas deployments and has supported more than 50 domestic operations. Moreover, three units unique to the National Guard call Pennsylvania home, namely the 56<sup>th</sup> Stryker Brigade, 171<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing, and 193<sup>rd</sup> Special Operations Wing.

I believe that Pennsylvania has much to be proud of. For that reason, I wish to invite your commission to tour Fort Indiantown Gap, headquarters of the Pennsylvania Department of Military and Veterans Affairs and the Pennsylvania National Guard. As part of the visit, the commission would be able to witness training at Fort Indiantown Gap and visit soldiers and units of Pennsylvania's Joint Force Headquarters, 28<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, and 213<sup>th</sup> Regional Support Group. I trust that your commission will find it beneficial to see the panoply of military support, training, and capabilities Pennsylvania offers to the nation.

My office is prepared to support your commission's visit in any way it can. Major General James Joseph, the Adjutant General of Pennsylvania, and his team are similarly inclined. Should you have any questions relating to this invitation, please contact Gilbert "Dusty" Durand, Director of Policy and Legislative Affairs, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, at [gdurand@pa.gov](mailto:gdurand@pa.gov) or (717) 861-8719.

Thank you for considering this invitation and for supporting Pennsylvania's military forces.

Sincerely,

  
TOM WOLF  
Governor