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Colonel Michael D. Henderson  
Base Commander  
Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall  
204 Lee Avenue  
Building 59  
Fort Myer, Virginia 22211-1199

Dear Colonel Henderson:

On behalf of the Arlington County Board, I am writing regarding the implementation of new installation access control measures at Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBMHH) and its impact on cyclists in Arlington County and the region. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

We fully understand the requirements to upgrade the security measures at JBMHH to bring them into compliance with Department of the Army installation access control directives and we appreciate your need to ensure the protection and security for the installation and personnel. We are hopeful that you agree that this request can be accommodated without sacrificing security.

As you know, JBMHH roads have been used as part of the County and regional bicycle network for many years, with individuals utilizing Wright, Henry, Hatfield and the Gate 1 gates over the years. Arlington residents, cyclists in particular, have relied upon these connections to access the Memorial Bridge on northbound movements and to utilize Columbia Pike and Joyce Street in the area of the Navy Annex site to access Pentagon City and Crystal City. It is this latter movement that has been most impacted by the access control changes.

Recognizing that routes through JBMHH and Arlington National Cemetery for non-visitors are not likely to remain available long-term, the County and our transportation partners have been working to strengthen existing and create new connections around these federal facilities. There have been substantial improvements to the pedestrian and bicycle trail network along Route 50 in recent years and the County is currently in process on a number of projects. In particular, the Route 110 Trail Project and the Washington Boulevard Trail Project will provide more direct, off-road north-south

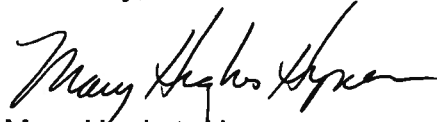
connections around the installation. These projects are scheduled for construction in 2018 and 2016 respectively, and it will therefore be several years before they are a viable alternative.

We understand from members of the cycling community that the sixty (60) day unsponsored pass currently offered to them in order to access the installation represents a significant burden. We are therefore respectfully requesting that JBMHH implement a "Trusted Cyclist" program that would provide sponsorship to cyclists, allowing them to receive an Automated Installation Entry (AIE) pass that is valid for one year. Further, given the bicycle movements we are hoping to accommodate, access would only be required through the Hatfield Gate and Gate 1, creating a cycling route along Carpenter Road, Hobson Drive and Southgate Road.

Arlington County understands the security concerns that have created this situation, but until such time as the County can invest in the trail network around JBMHH to replace this connectivity and the relative safety of the current route, we are hopeful that this proposal would both meet JBMHH security needs while at the same time assisting Arlington County in providing safe bicycle connections throughout the County.

Thank you again for your consideration of this request. Arlington County is thankful for the strong partnership we have formed over the years with JBMHH and we look forward to continuing to work with you to address our shared goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mary Hughes Hynes", written in a cursive style.

Mary Hughes Hynes  
Chair