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Ms. Mary Hughes Hynes
Chair, Office of the County Board
2100 Clarendon Boulevard, Suite 300
Arlington, Virginia 22201-5408

Dear Ms. Hynes:

I have carefully reviewed your request of a "Trusted Cyclist" program submitted on behalf of the Arlington County Board, dated July 22, 2015. Unfortunately, I am unable to honor your request to implement an alternate program beyond our current authorized procedure in accordance with Department of Defense (DoD) and Army regulations at this time.

The access control program was established to provide baseline standards for personnel accessing any DoD facilities. These standards include background vetting to determine the fitness of any individuals who wish to access a federal facility such as Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall (JBM-HH). Individuals requesting unescorted access to JBM-HH without a logical DoD nexus or sponsor are required to undergo vetting. JBM-HH's current 60 day issued pass to cyclists is already an accommodation for non-DoD community members balanced with what we believe is the extent of acceptable risk. Additionally, an exception beyond the 60 day pass opens the door to extend the same concessions to multiple other non-DoD affiliated groups or agencies who are also interested in regulatory or policy variations. These exceptions would negate the intent behind Joint Base Myer-Henderson Hall's security vetting and credentialing procedures. JBM-HH will continue to monitor directive guidance and the potential impact to our community and partners for opportunities to legally improve our program and procedures in a mutually beneficial manner.

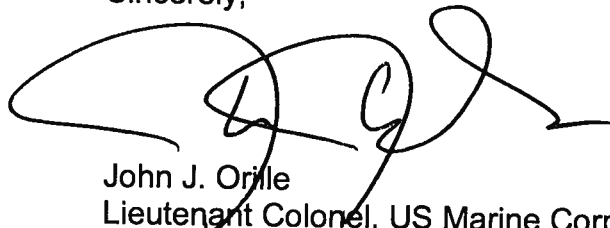
I understand your efforts to enhance the commuting routes of Arlington County residents and the time required to finalize the projects. While the 60 day pass for non-DoD affiliated personnel to gain unescorted access may be inconvenient for some, it still allows access to those who wish to undergo the vetting requirements in order to continue through JBM-HH while balancing the installation's security posture. Personnel may apply for the 60 day non-sponsored pass which requires renewal and re-vetting at the expiration of the pass issuance period. Additionally, personnel may apply for a one (1) year pass with a sponsor; which mitigates the periodic vetting by having an authorized DoD sponsor provide a degree of responsibility for the applicant. Personnel may enter the installation in an escorted capacity if they have an authorized DoD escort.

I'm certain that Arlington County understands and places equal importance on the necessity for security measures commensurate with the threats to our community, government and nation. As the Commander of JBM-HH it is my responsibility to balance security requirements, mission obligations, and provide an environment affording our vast community the ability to access the installation in the safest and securest method possible.

It is my hope that you understand my position. JBM-HH values the partnership we have with Arlington County, and we are committed to maintaining our communication and joint efforts in the future. We will continue to re-evaluate our procedures and seek symbiotic solutions to better serve the populace. Please do not hesitate to contact me with further questions or suggestions as we continue to create more efficient and beneficial mutual community endeavors.

My point of contact is Lieutenant Colonel Macedonio R. Molina, Provost Marshal/Director of Emergency Services, at (703) 588-2802 or macedonio.r.molina.mil@mail.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Orille', with a large, sweeping loop on the left side and a horizontal line extending to the right.

John J. Orille
Lieutenant Colonel, US Marine Corps
Acting Commander