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Mayor Bob Kelly
2 South Park Drive
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Dear Mayor Kelly,

I am greatly appreciative of your ongoing efforts to ensure the city of Great Falls remains a vibrant community that is attractive to both families and businesses. And further, that it continues to play a pivotal role in our nation's security, as it has since the days of World War II.

It is my understanding that the Planning Advisory Board will soon consider a proposal for the annexation, zoning, and preliminary plat of the Wheat Ridge Estates development project. Today, I write to encourage you to keep in mind recommendations made in the 2012 Malmstrom Air Force Base (AFB) Joint Land Use Study (JLUS). The JLUS included important input from key stakeholders, including Malmstrom AFB, state and federal agencies, and the local community. Reducing potential conflicts between Malmstrom AFB and the local community is important to the livelihood of the base and the city of Great Falls and I continue to support the recommendations found in the JLUS process.

I thank you for your ongoing public service and commitment to expanding opportunities within the Great Falls community. I appreciate your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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