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Lieutenant General Sean Bernabe  
Commander, III Corps and Fort Cavazos  
761st Tank Battalion Ave., Building 1001  
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Dear Lieutenant General Bernabe,

I am writing to express my concern over recent reports regarding the closure of a majority of dining facilities on Fort Cavazos. While I understand that dining support was constrained due to training rotations and deployments, I am seeking more information as to why only one dining facility was kept open on main post given the geographic and residential size of Fort Cavazos.

I am aware that in the past few weeks more dining facilities have begun to reopen as units are returning to Fort Cavazos. Regardless, I am hoping to understand whether the situation that occurred over the summer was anticipated and what actions were or were not taken in preparation for a reduction in dining support.

I request a timely review of and response to the following questions:

- What was the process for Fort Cavazos informing higher headquarters of the potential impacts on manpower for dining facilities due to upcoming deployments and training rotations?
- Was the option to utilize a contracted dining facility a possibility?
- What is the decision point for Fort Cavazos to obtain a contracted dining facility and why have they not done so thus far? If it is due to resourcing, where does the authority for that decision reside?

Ensuring that our servicemembers have easy access to food is a fundamental baseline of taking care of our troops. As a member who represents Fort Cavazos and our brave warfighters stationed there, one of my top priorities is to maintain a garrison that promotes troop welfare. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

John R. Carter  
Member of Congress

cc: Colonel Lakicia Stokes, Garrison Commander, Fort Cavazos