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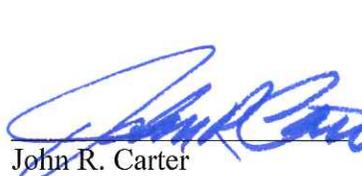
MG Ierardi:

We take great pride in representing the "Great Place" and its surrounding communities. We appreciate your dedication to our nation as well as the effective leadership you provide to our young men and women in uniform. We look forward to our next visit but wanted to inquire about a recent concerning media report to determine its validity and better understand current Army policy on the matter. On October 24th, the Washington Times reported that Fort Hood soldiers were warned against supporting religious and political organizations based on the assumption that their ideology or beliefs are counterproductive to the country's security. The specific organizations cited were Christian and Tea Party groups.

Religious freedom and political activity is a fundamental right that is and should be afforded to all members of our Armed Services. The ability for Americans to freely practice their religious beliefs or privately support the political party or representative they believe best represents their views are foundations of this great nation.

We would appreciate your input regarding the validity of this report, insight into the relevant current policies on Fort Hood in this area, and any available details on the inquiry into this matter. We thank you for your assistance and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,



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