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Mr. Patrick O'Brien  
Director  
Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation  
U.S. Department of Defense  
2231 Crystal Drive, Suite 520  
Arlington, VA 22202-3711

Dear Director O'Brien,

I am writing to express my support for the application submitted by Grand Forks County to the U.S. Department of Defense's (DoD) Defense Community Infrastructure Pilot Program (DCIP) for the construction of a new Fire Station at Grand Sky, the Enhanced Use Lease (EUL) development on Grand Forks Air Force Base (GFAFB). Thank you for your consideration.

GFAFB is home to critical space and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities that support Air Force and DOD missions around the globe. At the same time, Grand Sky is home to the Test Resource Management Center's (TRMC) Range Hawk Program, as well as General Atomics' foreign military support and training services for NATO. There are currently more than \$4 billion in DoD assets at Grand Sky.

Grand Forks County and GFAFB have a memorandum of understanding with the Grand Forks Fire Department to provide fire response services to Grand Sky. However, the 20-minute response time concerns the tenants on GFAFB, specifically regarding Government Owned, Contractor Operated assets. A fire station in Grand Sky would benefit both GFAFB and the Grand Sky EUL, mitigating risks in the southern portions of the installation and ensuring responsive fire and emergency services for Grand Sky as well as the critical personnel and assets housed there.

Accordingly, I hope this application receives your favorable consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Please keep me informed of the review process, and feel free to contact my office with any updates or inquiries you may have.

Sincerely,



John Hoeven  
U.S. Senator