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Dear Phil,

On this tenth anniversary of the Base Realignment and Closure coordination efforts, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and all involved for the exceptional professionalism and collaboration exhibited over the years. The resultant improvement in safety and reduction in congestion have been dramatic for all stakeholders. These stakeholders include those who visit, live and work in this area, including residents of Montgomery County; patients and staff associated with Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and Naval Support Activity Bethesda; students and staff of Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart; patients and staff associated with the National Institutes of Health – and countless others. Whether on foot, on bicycle, riding mass transit (MetroRail, MetroBus, RideOn); or driving a car, the benefits are dramatic. Another beneficiary is the environment, since the projects reduce stormwater runoff and include robust tree replanting. Even the dogs who take their owners for walks benefit, and the improvements will endure for decades.

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the cooperation between federal, state, county and local government; support from our elected officials; support from interested citizens, and more. Your steadfast leadership has served as a glue to keep the efforts coordinated, so a special thanks to you!!!

So at this significant ten year milestone, on behalf of NIH, thanks for the exceptional teamwork and collaboration. While there is work yet to be done, the progress to date is remarkable and we have been grateful and honored to participate in this important effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. G. Wheeland". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

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