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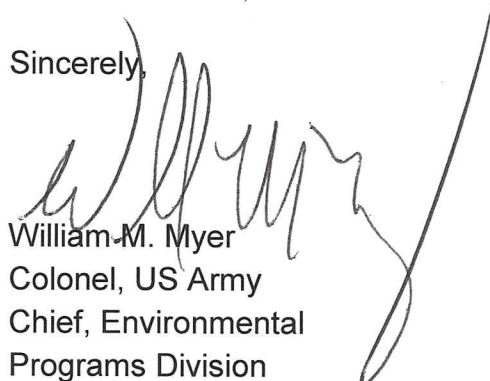
To whom it may concern:

Preventing incompatible development and enhancing our environmental stewardship responsibilities around Camp Swift, Texas is essential in preserving our military readiness. By reducing the impacts of encroachment, we protect our current training mission and preserve it for future generations of Soldiers. This land conservation program, Army Compatible Use Buffer (ACUB), is authorized by 10 United States Code Section 2684a, "Agreements to limit encroachments and other constraints on military training, testing, and operations". In addition to protecting our installation's military readiness, this initiative creates additional environmental benefits related to farm and ranchland preservation, water quality assurance and wildlife habitat protection.

The Army National Guard accomplishes our ACUB program goals at Camp Swift through a partnership with the Compatible Lands Foundation, a nonprofit organization that works with willing landowners to establish, monitor and enforce conservation easements around Camp Swift. To ensure long-term viability of the program, the Compatible Lands Foundation is taking steps to obtain private funding to match contributions from Federal sources. This is an important measure to maximize protection of military readiness and to provide important environmental benefits. I fully support the Compatible Lands Foundation in this important endeavor.

My point of contact for the ACUB Program is Ms. Alisa Dickson,
alisa.r.dickson.civ@mail.mil, (703) 607-9620. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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