



SECRETARY OF THE ARMY
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The Honorable John Cornyn
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Cornyn:

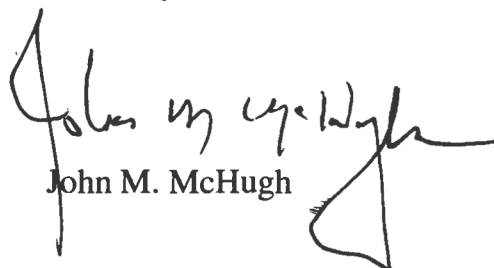
Thank you for your December 15, 2014 letter concerning the Army's Warrior Transition Units (WTUs) in Texas and throughout the Army. The Army remains committed to serving these extraordinary men and women and takes the responsibility of caring for our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their Families very seriously. We have been entrusted with the enduring mission of Warrior Care and welcome feedback that helps improve the way we support our Soldiers.

The Army established WTUs in 2007 in response to concerns over the care and management of wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their Families. Since inception, WTUs have helped 65,164 Soldiers from initial healing to transition. Of note, WTUs have returned 29,283 Soldiers back to duty. The Army has continually refined its policy and procedures based on feedback from our Wounded Warriors, their Families and other stakeholders to ensure an appropriate amount of command emphasis and oversight are placed over the Warrior Care and Transition Program. While the Army has come a long way in providing care and assistance to our Soldiers, we can always do better.

As you know, on January 8, 2015, the Commander of the Warrior Transition Command, Colonel Christopher Toner, met with your Military Legislative Assistant and other staff members to answer questions regarding the Dallas Morning News articles and the Warrior Care and Transition Program. I understand that he detailed all the various oversight mechanisms the Army has established over the last several years and was able to address many of your staff's concerns. Should you require additional information or clarification, I would be happy to make Colonel Toner or the appropriate subject matter expert available to brief you personally.

Thank you for your inquiry into this matter and for your continued support of our wounded, ill and injured Soldiers and their Families.

Sincerely,


John M. McHugh