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Fort Bayard: Serving the Dreams of Our Veterans

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Comments delivered by Mr. Tennessee Webb to the Joint Meeting of the Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee and the Mortgage Finance Authority Act Oversight Committee.

Mr. Chairman, distinguished members of the committees, Senator and State Representatives and members of the gallery.

It is refreshing to know that so many strong voices have come together in unison with the common goal of serving our Veterans.

We apologize for missing the morning session, but I am reminded of an admonition coming from my four year old when I was opening a box from IKEA and preparing to assemble the contents. He said, "Dad, the first thing you should take out of the box are the instructions and start reading them." We thought the hearing was taking place in Santa Fe until this morning, when we looked at the instructions and realized we needed to be here.

Ms. Santiago and I are privileged and honored to speak to this austere body and to lay out the GEP vision in providing unique solutions for the universal needs of our Veterans. I would like to preface my comments by saying that I am the son of a Veteran with 30 year service as a United States Marine Corp fighter pilot having served in WWII, two tours in Korea and two tours in Nam. In WWII he flew the F4U Corsair. As far as I was concerned, as a young man, the only airplane that I ever wanted to fly. When its service was no longer needed, my desire to be a pilot diminished. I am sitting here today in honor of my father, and all the other Veterans that have served our country, including the members of this committee, that allow me to be what I am today in this great country of ours.

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When my Dad was alive I don't remember hugging him enough, or thanking him enough for the service that he was rendering to our country. GEP is now that embrace.

Mr. Chairman I would like to read into the record the following comments if I may. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

We visited Ft. Bayard yesterday, I for the second time, Ms. Santiago for her first. It is a unique piece of property with unique issues. A property that has contributed throughout history now lies underutilized, yet waiting to contribute once again. Designed as a self-contained community in 1866, it is ironic that its salvation in the 21st century lies in returning it to a self-contained, integrated sustainable community.

GEP has an interest in defining the pathway of development, and refurbishing of Ft. Bayard in the 21st century as it rests within the folds of its great and dignified history.

What sets us apart, standing in front of you today, is that we want you to remove from your desk the checkbooks that you have so eagerly taken out and return them to the confines of your desk drawers. We are not here to ask you for money, rather we want to work with you; we want to draw from your insight we want to draw upon the feasibility studies that have been pursued by both public and private sectors in this great state in the collective effort to formulate an integrated plan that can be presented to our global investment contacts. We make you no guarantees save one; we will take off our jackets, roll up our sleeves and give you our best efforts in bringing this dream to fruition.

Mr. Chairman, with your permission I would like to make some personal comments. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Until every Veteran has shelter, a home to call his/her own, has psychiatric care for PTSD, rehabilitation for injuries received in the service of our country, retraining for 21st century employment and the opportunity to rebuild their lives with dignity; until we can provide medical services to the wounded within the same timeframe, or less, that we prepared them to be put in harm's way, it is my position, Mr. Chairman, that as a nation we have no moral authority to send other young men and women into harm's way.

It is past time to repair America's moral compass which has been pointing south for too long. It is time that we come together on this issue no matter our political stripes; it is time we now serve with valor our Veterans who fought so courageously under the stars and stripes, for it is these very Veterans that preserve our rights, our freedoms, our ability to make our democracy a beacon to shine unto the world.

It is dimmed when the very ones that fought under its Stars & Stripes do not receive proper and timely medical treatment; when they are left homeless, untreated and unemployed, and without the dignity of rebuilding their lives, America's beacon is darkened.



Ambassadors for Veterans is the foundational arm of GEP. Its mission is to ensure our Vets are given first priority in rebuilding their lives. It is our obligation--no--it is our duty to now serve with valor, the men and women, who served us with courage and honor on the battlefield. It is time that the needs of our Veterans be heard through the halls of Capitol Buildings across this Country and to have it echo throughout the halls of Washington, DC, with the same courage that our Veterans have so valiantly displayed.

The task at hand is daunting. It will require each and every one of us to put aside our differences and place Veterans universal needs as our unified goal to provide unique solutions.

The pathway is yet to be defined. But to quote one of my favorite entrepreneurs, someone with whom I'm sure each of you sitting on this committee is familiar: Sir Richard Branson; "Screw it---let's do it."

In closing, the pathway to turning Ft. Bayard into an Integrated Master Planned Community is not only overwhelming and challenging but also an exciting opportunity. With this committee's cooperation and willingness, Ambassadors for Veterans, working in tandem GEP, is willing to accept this challenge.

In closing, Mr. Chairman and State Representatives, we consider it an honor, as well as humbling to be part of the collective efforts to revive and restore the historic Ft. Bayard to a self-sustained integrated community providing for Veterans and continuing to contribute to the United States of America as it has done since its inception in 1866. Moving Ft. Bayard forward in the 21st century in meeting the needs of Veterans serves to honor its historical integrity and dignity.

We look forward to working with each of you and to the exchange of dialog and ideas as we bring Ft. Bayard to the forefront of fulfilling Veteran's dreams and providing unique solutions for their universal needs. I thank you for your time Mr. Chairman and members of the committee.

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