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MEMORANDUM FOR JUNCTION CITY DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION GROUP

SUBJECT: Letter of Support for Junction City Downtown Revitalization Efforts

1. I strongly support our community partner's endeavor to revitalize the Junction City downtown district and strengthen economic development in the Flint Hills region. People are our top priority and over 2500 Fort Riley connected families call Junction City home. Resources that assist our community to transform parks and recreation facilities, recruit and retain businesses, and expand community development will have a positive impact on the quality of life for our Soldiers, civilians, and their families.
2. Revitalization and Economic Development initiatives also increase the opportunities for meaningful spouse employment and transitioning Soldier employment in Junction City and the surrounding area. Furthermore, Junction City was recognized as a 2020 Great American Defense Community at the Association of Defense Communities National Summit in June 2020. This designation is just one of many that acknowledge Junction City's commitment to community revitalization programs, educational and employment opportunities, and family support initiatives that strengthen our military.
3. My point of contact for this action is the Fort Riley Plans, Analysis, and Integration Director, Ben Van Becelaere at benjamin.r.vanbecelaere.civ@mail.mil or 785-239-3823

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