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Governor Rick Perry
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Dear Governor Perry:

I was very pleased that you recently chose Brooks AFB to announce \$60 million in federal aid to assist Texas prepare against bioterrorism. Brooks AFB is a leader in homeland defense research and development that can help Texas and the Nation meet the challenge.

I would like to ask you for your continued support of Brooks AFB. Brooks AFB is truly an invaluable resource in the war against terrorism, with many outstanding capabilities to prevent, detect and respond to a terrorist attack. This cutting-edge research and development facility is leading the Department of Defense in making the war fighter more lethal while providing a variety of resources to help ensure the safety of America's homeland. Your recognition of the outstanding work done at Brooks AFB helps highlight the past contributions at Brooks AFB while fostering the development of new and innovative technologies needed in the fight against terrorism.

In this time of crisis, we must pull together, and with the emergence of Brooks City Base, I hope that the State of Texas will look at Brooks as the ideal place to locate its cutting-edge anti-terrorism, environmental and public health resources. The city base program offers a unique opportunity to co-locate with civilian and military personnel, academia and private industry, building partnerships that create benefits for all parties involved. Please let me know what you think may be possible.

I look forward to working with you to ensure that Brooks AFB -- with the State of Texas as its partner -- leads the way in our fight against terrorism.

Sincerely,

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