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The Honorable Pete Geren
Secretary, United States Army
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Dear Secretary Geren:

I write to request that you immediately relocate any soldiers facing hazardous living conditions at Ft. Bragg. Mr. Ed Frawley, of Menominee, WI, has produced a shocking video of unacceptable conditions in the barracks where his son's unit, Charlie Company, 2nd Battalion, 508th Brigade of the 82nd Airborne, is currently residing. He informed me yesterday that soldiers continue to live in these conditions.

These veterans of a recent 15-month deployment to some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan are apparently living in deplorable conditions. For their bravery and courageous service, they deserve much better.

The video shows moldy walls, chipping paint, broken toilets, potential gas leaks and a bathroom flooded with sewage. There is no excuse for housing U.S. servicemembers in such conditions. I hope that you relocate them to alternative housing immediately.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. I would appreciate an update on your actions by Friday, May 2, 2008.

Sincerely,



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