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December 5, 2019

Colonel Erich C. Spragg
Garrison Commander
Fort George G. Meade
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Fort Meade, MD 20755

Dear Colonel Spragg:

I am writing to express my serious concern with the substandard housing overseen by Corvias Management-Army LLC. Servicemembers and their families continue to live in moldy, rodent infested and dilapidated housing. Despite repeated promises to address these health and safety hazards, insufficient – if any – progress has been made. I have also been informed about retaliation against these military families who are trying to leave these abysmal conditions. We are still failing these families and it is totally unacceptable.

The significant issues with privatized military housing have been well documented over the last two years, and rectifying them has been a top priority for Congress and the Department of Defense. We share a commitment that every military family deserves a safe, healthy home. I appreciate the personal commitment you made at the beginning of the year to accept responsibility, urgently fix the problems and rebuild trust with the servicemembers under your command.

However, nearly 12 months later problems persist and have worsened – with real consequences on servicemembers and their families, including children. And despite touting the resources and attention Corvias has supposedly brought to improving housing, there are reports that they are manipulating tests, falsifying repairs, punishing families who speak out by purposefully delaying maintenance requests, waiting for the families to permanently change station, and harassing servicemembers. Families facing severe financial strain from having to fix their homes themselves, replace moldy furniture, pay related medical bills or move – are finding second jobs and selling their blood. This is shameful.

As the garrison commander, it is your responsibility to ensure the health and welfare of those who serve under you. Our servicemembers and their families deserve to be provided with living accommodations that are in good order, safe and clean. I expect that the base where our military families live and work to be welcoming and accountable, and where they shouldn't fear reprisal or revenge. Unfortunately, it seems that Corvias is no longer a partner with Fort Meade. If they refuse to do right by our men and women in uniform, the base must step up.

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I ask that you take immediate action to address the serious maintenance issues and prevent any retaliation against servicemembers and their families.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'AG Brown', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Anthony G. Brown