



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

NOV 18 2013

Dear Senator Kaine:

Thank you for your November 5 letter concerning the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC). The Department's goal is to construct a facility that will ensure the foreign affairs community is properly prepared when serving overseas, not only at our most challenging posts but throughout the ever changing overseas environment. The Department agrees that security training is a critical component for maintaining the safety of our personnel and facilities abroad. We believe that these training needs are best addressed using the Fort Pickett location. We appreciate your continued support in this process.

In February, the Department modified its original proposal and is currently seeking to consolidate hard-skills security training. The cost for a hard-skills exclusive facility at Fort Pickett is estimated to be \$461 million, for which some funding has already been appropriated, and we continue to look for opportunities to further reduce these costs. A revised Master Plan for the Fort Pickett site is currently on hold while we complete due diligence concerning the possible use of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia.

The Administration is still reviewing the future location for FASTC. Once a decision is made, we will advise your office accordingly and will provide revised timelines for the completion of the FASTC project. The Department of State remains committed to establishing FASTC in Virginia without further delay.

We hope this information addresses your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us again if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Frifield".

Julia Frifield
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable
Tim Kaine,
United States Senate.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

NOV 18 2013

Dear Mr. Forbes:

Thank you for your November 5 letter concerning the Foreign Affairs Security Training Center (FASTC). The Department's goal is to construct a facility that will ensure the foreign affairs community is properly prepared when serving overseas, not only at our most challenging posts but throughout the ever changing overseas environment. The Department agrees that security training is a critical component for maintaining the safety of our personnel and facilities abroad. We believe that these training needs are best addressed using the Fort Pickett location. We appreciate your continued support in this process.

In February, the Department modified its original proposal and is currently seeking to consolidate hard-skills security training. The cost for a hard-skills exclusive facility at Fort Pickett is estimated to be \$461 million, for which some funding has already been appropriated, and we continue to look for opportunities to further reduce these costs. A revised Master Plan for the Fort Pickett site is currently on hold while we complete due diligence concerning the possible use of the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Glynco, Georgia.

The Administration is still reviewing the future location for FASTC. Once a decision is made, we will advise your office accordingly and will provide revised timelines for the completion of the FASTC project. The Department of State remains committed to establishing FASTC in Virginia without further delay.

We hope this information addresses your concerns. Please do not hesitate to contact us again if we can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Frifield".

Julia Frifield
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

The Honorable

J. Randy Forbes,
House of Representatives.