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The Honorable Mark Kirk
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Kirk,

The Joint Reserve Intelligence Center (JRIC) at Fort Sheridan, Illinois, was recently selected as the JRIC of the Year. The JRIC of the Year Award is presented by the Defense Intelligence Agency (DIA) for superior performance in supporting timely and critical intelligence to the warfighter by promoting jointness, commitment and Reserve integration.

As the Joint Reserve Intelligence Program Manager, DIA identified and established the Service-hosted JRICs in response to the 1995 Secretary of Defense initiative, "Peacetime Use of Reserve Component Intelligence Elements, Implementation Plan for Improving the Utilization of the Reserve Military Intelligence Force." JRICs are designed to recognize the joint nature of defense intelligence and to improve the Services' abilities to meet emerging unit and tactical level intelligence requirements. This reach-back capability has the added benefits of reducing travel and per diem costs associated with traditional annual training; minimizing forward-deployed forces' footprint and sustainment; and permitting reservists to perform their mission at home station.

The JRIC at Fort Sheridan has over 250 drilling reservists and guardsmen supporting a myriad of major commands and warfighting units. The 10 units drilling at the JRIC support United States European Command, United States Africa Command, the National Ground Intelligence Center, DIA, the National Security Agency, United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, Military Intelligence Readiness Command, Navy Reserve Naval Information Operations Command, and the Office of Naval Intelligence. The Fort Sheridan JRIC's missions include targeting assessment, counterterrorism, interrogations, and indications and warning.

I invite you to visit the JRIC at Fort Sheridan whenever your schedule permits. If you have any questions, or would like to arrange a visit, please contact Mr. Ben Fallon in DIA's Office for Congressional Affairs at (202) 231-0830.

Very respectfully,

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