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Lt. General Todd Semonite Commanding General, US Army Corps of Engineers 441 G Street NW Washington, DC 20314-1000

Dear Lt. General Semonite,

Thank you for your service to our country during this crisis and to the entire Army Corps of Engineers for their hard work to protect New York lives. I am reaching out to know the status of the field hospital that is expected in Rockland County.

Rockland County will soon be an epicenter of this pandemic if we do not respond accordingly. The County's death toll reached 42 people on Thursday, more than doubling from Monday when it stood at 18. As of April 3rd, there have been 4,289 confirmed COVID-19 cases in the county, that is up 2,595 cases in a week. With these kinds of increases, our hospitals will rapidly reach capacity. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) in these facilities is in limited demand and is diminishing quickly. To put this dire situation into perspective, on Thursday, April 2nd, Westchester County reported 67 deaths from COVID-19, and the County has a population of about 980,244, while Rockland has had 42 deaths and has a population of about 328,868.

Respectfully, I ask that the Army Corps of Engineers expedite, as best they can, this new field hospital in Rockland County. The field hospital will ultimately provide greater access to medical care and help save lives. Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I thank you again for your service to our State and country. Please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Senator David Carlucci 38<sup>th</sup> Senate District