



**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
502D AIR BASE WING  
JOINT BASE SAN ANTONIO

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Brigadier General Robert LaBrutta  
2080 Wilson Way, Bld 247  
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Mayor Ivy Taylor  
100 Military Plaza  
San Antonio, Texas 78283-3966

Dear Mayor Taylor,

On October 15, 2014, I provided a briefing regarding recent military related activities to you and the members of City Council. During the discussion I explained why our military installation (JBSA Randolph, JBSA Fort Sam Houston, JBSA Camp Bullis, and JBSA Lackland) is currently under Joint Base San Antonio Critical Period Management Plan Stage IV water restrictions. Such restrictions were triggered for Joint Base San Antonio when the 10-day average of the Bexar County index well J-17 was below 630 feet mean sea level, which occurred on August 14, 2014.

Since my arrival on 29 May 2013, we have been in either Stage III or Stage IV water restrictions for the majority of my command. These restrictions are having a dramatic, negative impact on our grounds, trees, housing and facility foundations, and are increasing the overall fire safety hazard on Joint Base San Antonio. Accordingly, I am pleased to see the City of San Antonio considering alternative water supplies for the San Antonio region. Having a more diverse water supply in the area could reduce our area's dependence on the Edwards Aquifer and I am hopeful will benefit Joint Base San Antonio as well.

I look forward to a positive outcome as the City of San Antonio works to secure a water supply that will better serve the needs of our community, including Joint Base San Antonio.

Thank you for your leadership and commitment to San Antonio.

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Handwritten signature of Robert D. LaBrutta in black ink.  
ROBERT D. LABRUTTA  
Brigadier General, USAF  
Commander