

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE HEADQUARTERS 14TH FLYING TRAINING WING COLUMBUS AIR FORCE BASE MISSISSIPPI

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MEMORANDUM FOR COLUMBUS AFB FAMILY HOUSING RESIDENTS

FROM: 14 FTW/CC

SUBJECT: Health and Safety Review of Military Housing Units

- 1. Testimony in Congress in the past week highlighted health and safety concerns related to conditions of military housing. You may have seen this spreading across the news and social media. The Secretary of the Air Force and the Chief of Staff of the Air Force directed commanders to conduct a 100% review of military housing units to better understand the nature and severity of any health and safety problems.
- 2. I take your health and safety and that of your family very seriously, so this review is my immediate priority. Therefore, over the next several days, my team will be reaching out to each on-base resident, via telephone, to ask questions about any health and safety concerns with your military housing. Furthermore, they will ask if you are willing to allow a brief walk-through of your home in order for us to gain a better understanding of your concerns and capture it for the Secretary of the Air Force and Chief of Staff. The telephone calls will begin this Thursday, 21 February. My intent is to have walk-throughs accomplished the first half of next week, beginning 25 February. We will request a one-hour window of your availability because I value your time!
- 3. I understand this may be inconvenient for some, and the walk-throughs are entirely voluntary. However, I know our Air Force is committed to our health and welfare, and this is the way we can have our concerns understood. Thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in this effort. Feel free to highlight specific challenges you need us, as your leaders, to address. We can't fix problems we don't know about!
- 4. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or initiative, please reach out to me directly at 662-434-1400, our Housing Management Office at 662-434-7276 or the Base Civil Engineer, Lieutenant Colonel Peter Joo, at 662-434-7325.

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