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Eliana Brown, Great American Communities Award
2020 K Street NW, Suite 650
Washington, DC 20006

Dear Ms. Brown,

We are writing to express our strong support of the City of Sierra Vista's application for the newly created award from the Association of Defense Communities (ADC), the Great American Defense Community.

Cochise County's military history is deep in our roots and although we've grown since the early days of Buffalo Soldiers and Wyatt Earp, we are still a strong supporter of today's military, their mission, and their families; especially those stationed at Fort Huachuca. The City of Sierra Vista is key in this support to current service members and even Veterans. They provide a number of services, programs, and events that center around the military community and commemorate their dedication and service to our Nation.

Sierra Vista also focuses on forming partnerships with military organizations, especially Fort Huachuca, to ensure service members and their families have a say in what goes on in the community. This also extends to the veteran community in Sierra Vista via groups like the United Veterans Council.

Education is also a major component of Sierra Vista's dedication to our service members. Cochise College provides opportunities for veterans, active service members, and their families to advance their education and become successful in military or civilian career they chose.

Quality of life for service members, veterans, and their families is continually a focus of the leadership in the City of Sierra Vista and they show their effort through their services, programs, and partnerships.

The City of Sierra Vista is a great candidate and a worthy recipient of the ADC's Great American Defense Community award and we fully endorse their application.

Sincerely,

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