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Liza Brown
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Dear Ms. Brown,

It is a pleasure to write this letter thanking you for your tremendous support of our Soldiers and Families during the current deployment of the 81st Heavy Brigade Combat Team. Our Soldiers are doing a magnificent job in Iraq, and part of the reason they perform so well is the knowledge that their Families are safe and well cared for here at home.

As Americans we have every right to be proud of the efforts of our great men and women in uniform. Consider the difference in the lives of the Iraqi people today. Foreign investment is starting to happen in southern Iraq. The Japanese are pledging as much as \$1.5 billion in loans. A recent poll about quality of life showed an estimated 3.1% of Iraqi households - 930,000 people - are described as "food insecure". That represents a considerable improvement on 15.4%, the figure when the survey was last carried out in 2005. Iraq has our great young men and women to thank for their selfless sacrifice to improve their lives.

Here at home, concerned citizens such as you have enabled our Warriors to carry out their mission knowing that their families are being cared for. That is a tremendous source of security for a deployed Warrior. I can not overstate the importance of your service, or adequately thank you for what you do. Please accept my deepest gratitude for your selfless service to our men and women. Without you we could not begin to do the serious work being carried on today.

Sincerely,


Mary J. Forbes
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Director