

From: [Tom Burgess](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range at JBCC
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:52:07 AM

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposal to construct a machine gun range at Joint Base Cape Cod. This would mean some 200 acres of forest cleared for said range footprint, the small arms range operations and control area facilities, the addition of lighting, utility extensions access and maintenance road development and firebreaks jibe with the Draft Finding of No Significant Impact claimed by the Massachusetts Army National Guard. Acres of forest destroyed for machine gun practice will certainly cause significant environmental, cultural or socioeconomic effects on residents of Cape Cod? This cannot be done without a thorough study of the impact on wildlife, flora and fauna. Every acre of forest removed is a step backward in ensure clean drinking water for Cape Cod. The plumes exiting JBCC are already enough.

We are in the grips of uncertain times, politically sensitive times. The money spent on this venture is better used for environmental, cultural and socioeconomic survival. War games are past. What is needed in the current battle for technology and information is not more machine gun training, but more technical training.

Yours,

Thomas K. Burgess
Anna E. Burgess-Berbee
658 Main Street
Cotuit, MA 02635

From: [Nic Tompkins-Hughes](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun range comment
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:41:30 AM

Dear Mr Driscoll,

I apologize if there is a more official greeting that should be used here- I am unfamiliar with your station or role!

I am a homeowner in Sandwich, and the idea that we would add a machine gun range to the base brings me numerous concerns:

- from the lakes nearby kids can already hear the sounds of practice rounds, and parents like myself already answer those questions with grimaces and discomfort. This is too much, there is no need for Assault Rifles in a suburban community, and there are tons of spaces in less habitable areas where this kind of acreage could also be found!
- given that there is no other training ground like this in the state, it also begs the question why it would be put here on cape cod, when we are facing significant updates to our bridge infrastructure, and when traffic in and out of the base is already challenging for residents. Why would this location be even remotely practical considering access and the need for symbiotic relationships with the surrounding community.
- if the base has the money to build something like this, then they need to put that money towards the families who are accessing food pantries and lunch pickups for their children.

Please prioritize the lives and the communities and the human beings over your desire to have more practice using lethal assault rifles and machine weaponry when we are supposedly in a time of peace.

I am strongly opposed to this, what actions can the public do to stop this initiative?

Thank you,

Nic Tompkins-Hughes
16 Asa Meiggs rd
Sandwich, ma 02563

Typos courtesy of Autocorrect for iPhone

From: [Jason Cullinane](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range JBCC
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 9:34:03 AM

Dear sir,

I am perplexed at the proposal to establish a dedicated machine gun range on JBCC. Fort Devens is a better location as it is centrally located in the state of MA, and already has a well established and modern set of ranges. Why are we not looking at expanding at Devens vs the more environmentally sensitive Cape?

Also, there is the question of time use and access. A primary time for National Guard Troops to use these ranges is during peak summer season on the cape. Traveling to and from the cape will take valuable training time away from our soldiers while they wait in summer traffic. They could build in extra time to go early and return late but that takes time away from their civilian life and other training responsibilities.

Tourism is the life blood of the cape and an active machine gun range will contribute to disturbing tourists as they try to relax.

I am an advocate for expanded use of JBCC, such as stationing various low density specialized forces that would benefit from the unique location and environment. A machine gun range designed to bring in extra training forces and carved out of forested lands on JBCC does not make sense.

V/r,

LTC(R) Jason Cullinane

Commenter

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From: [Cheryl Keown](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [James Beyer](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Sunday, August 23, 2020 8:41:23 PM

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

I think the Joint Base is a wonderful asset to Cape Cod. I toured it with other members of the Bourne Newcomers and Neighbors group, and learned a lot at the presentation made to our group a year ago or so.

However, I'm surprised to hear that acres are being cleared to facilitate a machine gun range. This may be OK. But the lack of public outreach and information from the military means I don't have enough information to judge. Please reach out to the local public about what this means to us. If you don't, I suspect that we will conclude the worst, with only information from progressive groups to guide us.

By the way, as full disclosure, I'm one of those progressives, who will reach the wrong conclusion, if more information is not made public about the potential hazards of this development. I live in Pocasset. It has a bum rap, as a result of being near the base, and thus subject to its batch of environmental hazards. We bought our house here, because we thought that was all behind us. Please don't let us down.

Cheryl Keown
8 Paulinda Road
Pocasset, MA 02559

From: nuendelcapecod@aol.com
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:42:06 PM

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Sir,

This is written to express my considered opinion that the proposal by the Massachusetts Army National Guard for the “Construction and Operation of a Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range at Camp Edwards, Joint Base, Cape Cod” should be dismissed. How could the clearing of 170 acres of forest, construction of accompanying facilities, additional lighting, extensions for utility access and maintenance road possibly have “no significant impact”, as declared by the MA Army Guard?

We have a sole source aquifer. Once it's poisoned, there is no way to restore it. The high rates of breast cancer on Cape Cod have documented links to this contamination. Firepower will not put a stop to our greatest danger - pollution of our own living space. This country has spent more by far, for decades, on military defense than any other country in the world, and yet we are less safe than we have ever been.

Thank you for seriously considering my deep concern and objections to moving forward with this dangerous, unnecessarily harmful project. Bonnie Nuendel, 255 Meetinghouse Rd., Eastham, MA 02642. 508-254-6305

From: [MaryAnne Cole](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range on Cape Cod
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:54:45 AM

I am concerned of the impact this will have not only on the residents of the Cape and myself but also on the wild life and my own pets. My home is off Sandwich Rd. And I can already hear machine gun fire when I am in my yard and if it gets louder and it will my poor dog will be scared to death. We have a family of deer and so many other wild animals, what is going to happen to them? The other thing I am concerned about is how far away will this be from my home and do I have to worry about Bullets reaching my home? Is this live ammo? I just don't think this is a good idea for anyone or anything living near the Base, I moved here for peace and quiet, I never thought I would have to worry about a gun range in my back yard. I am not happy about this AT ALL!

Sent from my iPad

From: [Brian McWilliams](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Tuesday, August 25, 2020 2:00:21 PM

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Sir,

We already have enough noise with small arms fire from the ranges in use. Suggest you use the driving time to train up on convoy operations (crucial to military movements).

Get Outlook for Android < Caution-<https://aka.ms/ghei36> >

Commenter

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From: [Allan Dunn](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range.
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 9:29:47 AM

As an abuter to joint base cape cod, I am dead set against a machine gun range being placed there for the following reasons-

1- noise

2- ground and water pollution

3- loss of trees, contributing to climate change.

Please reconsider

Allan Dunn

Bourne, MA

Sent by elves who live in my iPhone.

Commenter
#34

From: [Claire Watts](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Range
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:08:44 AM

Oh, please Mr. Driscoll, I beg of you to reconsider a machine gun range at Camp Edwards. It is devastating to me as a homeowner abutting the base, and also as a long-time and forever Cape Cod resident. The loss of 5400 acres, the loss of all those trees, the noise, the detriment to the environment, all not good.

Many years ago I stood in protest at the gates for the Base clean-up of pollution. That worked. I might be 81 years old, but I would do it again.

This is just not necessary, and will do nothing to protect us, only make us miserable.

Thank you,

Claire Watts
19 Falmouth-Sandwich Rd.
Forestdale, Ma. 02644

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From: [Stanley Kaczynski](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine gun range
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:08:22 PM

Dear Mr. Driscoll.

I personally do not think that Cape Cod, a place where my spirit resides is the proper place for a killing machine.

Respectfully ;

Stanley J. Kaczynski

10 Janet Road

West Dennis, MA. 02670

From: [Jim Newman](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] machine gun training range at Otis
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:44:57 PM

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Mr. Driscoll,

I am writing to register my opposition to the proposed machine gun training range at Otis. I am a semi-retired long-time resident of Falmouth and have observed first-hand the damage to the environment, especially to our aquifer, that has resulted from various activities at Otis where military decisions led to civilian problems. Turning state-owned open space into a shooting range is irresponsible and will be vehemently opposed in our region.

Thank you.

— Jim

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From: [Don Mallinson](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#); [Rosemary Dreger Carey](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Gun Training
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:31:53 PM

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Back in the 1960s I was at basic and advanced infantry training at both Fort Dix and Fort Jackson. I recall spending Thanksgiving guarding a mortar range, not from other troops, but from civilians who didn't know where or what they were wandering.

Machine gun training is a different issue (no possibility of unexploded rounds). Space for such firing ranges requires lots of clear sightlines. Keep the trees. Now is the time to start conserving not continuing to exploit our fragile environment,

Don Mallinson
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Commenter

#38

From: [Judy Fallon](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Machine Guns
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 4:43:53 PM
Attachments: [Screen Shot 2015-01-02 at 8.14.04 AM.png](#)

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Hello Keith,
I think this is horrible!
Please let me know what I can do to help!
Judy Fallon

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From: [RICHARD AITTANIEMI](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Military on Cape
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 8:45:09 PM

We need more military practice ranges, because doves have weakened our defenses.
I hope some day you are not confronted with a machine gun held by a Chinese soldier just waiting to kill a weak American.
Good Luck.

Richard Aittaniemi
50 Woodwind Way
West Barnstable, MA 02668

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

From: [Elaine Rucker](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source]
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 5:32:24 PM

Against more demolitions and play war fair. Lead is what is used and has already affected the water quality due to past war games used over the years after world war two.

I use to hear the guns being fired on Camp Edwards later called Otis Air Force Base.

No more of this..

From: [Margaret McLaughlin](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#); Randy.Hunt@mahouse.gov
Cc: smclaugh@comcast.net
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range Joint Base Cape Cod
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 5:01:26 PM
Attachments: [August 24 Joint Base Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Construction Concerns.docx](#)

Commenter

#41

August 24, 2020

Dear Mr. Driscoll and Mr. Hunt,

I am writing with questions about the recent request for comments regarding the possible construction and operation of a multi-purpose machine gun range on Camp Edwards, here at the Joint Base Cape Cod.

Please find below my questions for you both. They respond to statements in the recent environmental assessment conducted by the MAARG that indicates there is a finding of no significant impact (FNSI).

I find that very difficult to accept and would like to state my objection to the construction until a more thorough and transparent assessment has been conducted and reviewed by the general public, particularly residents like myself of the area surrounding the base.

My concerns focus on the following statements in the report under Section 3. Environmental Analysis

- The report states: “Based on the EA’s analysis, the MAARNG determined that the known and potential adverse impacts from the Proposed Action would be less than significant on land use and cover, air quality and climate, noise, soils, groundwater, biological resources, infrastructure, and hazardous and toxic materials and wastes.”
 1. Question #1 -What are the known adverse impacts found?
 2. Question #2- What are the potential adverse impacts?
 3. Question 3#- Why aren’t these impacts stated for the public to comment on?
 4. Question #4- What do the terms “less significant” mean? “Less significant” than what?
 5. Question #5- What are the impacts by each of the following categories: “land use and cover, air quality and climate, noise, soils, groundwater, biological resources, infrastructure, and hazardous and toxic materials and wastes.” What are these not shared in the report?

- The report also states: “The implementation of Best Management Practices and Regulatory Compliance Measures specified in the EA, such as establishing a

Noise Notification Protocol and implementing a 24-hour noise complaint point of contact, would further avoid or reduce less-than-significant impacts.”

1. Question #6- What are the “Best Management Practices and Regulatory Compliance Measures specified in the EA”? What other practices besides noise were considered? Why aren’t these described in detail in this report?
 2. Question #7-What is the Noise Notification Protocol that is being proposed?
 3. Question #8- Why is there a 24 hour noise complaint point of contact if there is to be no impact of noise assumed in the statement above that there will be no known or potential adverse impacts? I would assume that noise is an adverse impact, especially to young children, birds and animals?
- Finally the report states: “Regional air quality may experience long-term beneficial impacts. The Proposed Action would have no effect on cultural resources.”
 18. Question #9- How can there be long-term **beneficial** impacts on air quality when so many discharges will occur by a site usage “increase by up to 18.6 percent (or by up to 17,650 man-days)”?
 19. Question #10- What does “beneficial” mean?

I would be most grateful for you to register and respond to my concerns at your convenience.

Most sincerely yours,

Margaret McLaughlin, Ed.D.

10 Lady Slipper Lane, Forestdale, MA 02644

Margaretmclaughlin50@comcast.net

From: [Jim Garb](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Multi-Purpose Machine Gun Range on Cape Cod
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 4:03:03 PM

Dear Sir,

I am writing to express my strong objection to the creation of a multi-purpose machine gun range at Camp Edwards, Joint Base, Cape Cod.

Cape Cod is a very special place, a spit of land with a fragile ecosystem. Our year round population of about 213,000 swells by a million visitors in the summer. Indeed, the 'busy' season really extends from early May into October. The Cape has had more than its share of toxic pollution from previous military activity at Joint Base Cape Cod. We don't need more, nor do we want the military traffic from all over the Commonwealth and beyond, or the noise pollution. The Cape's tourism industry is one of the cash cows of Massachusetts. We should think twice before doing anything to jeopardize that.

The rest of the Commonwealth has much more land suitable for this type of activity, and in addition anyplace else would have much easier access. Surely a more suitable location for this machine gun range can be found elsewhere in Massachusetts in a sparsely populated and less visited site.

Sincerely,

James R. Garb, MD
Yarmouth Port, MA

From: [Tom Stone](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Cc: [Ann Stone](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] New Firing Range at Camp Edwards
Date: Monday, August 24, 2020 9:56:09 AM

Mr. Driscoll,

My wife and I, Falmouth Residents for almost 40 years are strongly against the construction of a new firing range at Camp Edwards.

Problems:

Leveling of 200 acres of forest. Why, when Camp Edwards already has extensive areas of grasslands?

Additional pollution from Range use: how much, types of ammunition used, will all be retrieved to avoid additional contamination of our sole source aquifer?

Your definition of impact which is "less than significant" is too vague to be useful. Please be specific and quantitative.

Camp Edwards has a very long history of environmental contamination over several decades due to a lack of knowledge and carelessness so much so that it remain a billion dollar Superfund cleanup site. The remediation has been going on for over 50 years or more and is still not done yet. Why add more problems now?

In addition, why must this be in Massachusetts?

Although true that Jericho VT is 270 miles away from Bourne, all units utilizing the base would be coming, I presume, from counties other than Barnstable. For instance, if Massachusetts unit from Pittsfield would come here it would be a 190 mile trip but only 159 miles to Jericho. For Springfield its 200 miles to Jericho but 140 miles to Bourne. Not a huge savings.

Finally, this type of military readiness is focused on a conventional ground war when what we are seeing now are massive cyber wars and a massive public health disaster (pandemics etc.) that will not be solved by teaching machine gun skills.

The money set aside for this effort should be diverted to public health initiatives that are by far the largest current need of the country. As you know, we have already seen 175,000 dead in the USA from the pandemic with a very poor or non-existent federal response. These deaths are 3 times the number of deaths in the Vietnam War, our last conventional war. And more US dead than from either WWI and the Korean War.

Lets put that money where it will do some real good for the American people NOW.
Increased public health initiatives!

Clearly we would strongly recommend that the "no action alternative" (Alt. 3) as defined in Appendix A.

From: [Patrick Flynn](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] new MG Range at Camp Edwards (JBCC)
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 2:50:47 PM

Good afternoon,

As a resident who lives in the area of JBCC I fully support the new MG Range that has been proposed for Training at Camp Edwards (JBCC). Having a modern facility for training for this type of weapon would greatly improve the readiness of the NG Units that train here and also provide a local place for local Coast Guard Units, active and reserve to become more proficient with their weapons.

A great addition to a long term training mission here on Cape Cod

Patrick Flynn
Captain (0-6) USCG, RET
10 Forest Dr
Mashpee, MA 02649

From: dmgvn@aol.com
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] New Range
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 9:12:23 AM

Mr Driscoll,

On Sandwich News FB page there was a Claire Watts whining about a new range possibly being installed at Joint Base Cape Cod. Said she sent you an email against it. First I've heard of it but wanted to let you know as a resident of Forestdale, a surrounding neighborhood, that I would be fully behind any type of firing range at the base. Perfect spot for it and to train today's military members, guard, etc. I am certain that the base dating back with it's history to WWII was there before Claire arrived. I've lived in Sandwich for over fifty-four years. I can remember every summer as a kid living in downtown Sandwich. There were convoys of ARNG trucks pouring into Otis, Camp Edwards. The base personnel fired mortars, automatic weapons, and flew F-106 Delta Darts. Never once bothered me or my family members.

Good luck.

Regards,

David Govoni
Forestdale, MA.

Commenter
#46

From: maidebi@aol.com
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No gun range on cape cod
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 7:57:33 AM

Please no gun range at camp Edwards. This will destroy a huge amount of land and impact the environment greatly.
Deborah jacobs Brewster

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Steve Ramar](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] No Gun Range On Cape Cod
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 3:33:28 PM

It's not needed, it's not consistent with the image we wish to project to vacationers, and it's extraordinarily and unnecessarily destructive to the environment and wildlife.

Build your gun range out in some desert state.

From: [Jonathan Earle](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] NO to Machine Gun Range
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 12:17:51 PM

Dear Mr. Driscoll,

Please DO NOT put a machine gun range atop Cape Cod's only aquifer! The Army National Guard is endangering Cape Cod's many residents, tourists, and sensitive wildlife habitat. I am in total opposition to the proposed machine gun range.

Thank you,

Jonathan

From: [Kathleen Ruth](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Opposition to Machine Gun Range on Cape Cod
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:13:50 PM

I am a resident of southeastern Massachusetts. I opposed this machine gun range. Cape Cod is a fragile community, we should not be clearing 200 acres of forested land to make room for a range that could be built elsewhere, where there are more wide open spaces (Texas?). NOT ON CAPE COD.

I am forwarding the news of this plan to my friends on Cape Cod.

Sincerely,
K. Ruth

Commenter

#50

From: [Ron Makara](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Proposed Machine gun range at Camp Edwards
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:05:24 AM

Sir:

I am writing this email to voice my opposition as a concerned Cape Cod resident to the proposed machine gun range at Camp Edwards, Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC). I am certain the funds required for this range could be better spent on much more worthwhile projects to improve the base and contribute to the overall well-being of its Cape Cod neighbors. Clearcutting 170 acres of forest to accommodate the range clearly would increase the environmental impact of JBCC.

I strongly urge you not to move forward with this plan. I am a full-time resident of Bourne as of now and will soon be a full-time resident of Mashpee, both of which towns abut JBCC.

I look forward to your response and your thoughts on this very important matter.

Yours truly,
Ron Makara
50 Roundhouse Rd
Bourne, MA 02532

Commenter
#51

From: [Virginia Neill](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Proposed machine gun range at Joint Base Cape Cod.
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 1:10:11 PM

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Dear Mr. Driscoll:

As property owners in East Sandwich, MA, we wish to express our support for your training range and the ancillary operations needed at Joint Base Cape Cod.

Although not everyone understand the need for adequate training facilities to have a top notch defense force, some of us do.

Thank you for defending our homeland.

David and Virginia Neill
117 North Shore Blvd.
East sandwich, MA 02537

Sent from Mail < Caution-<https://go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=550986> > for Windows 10

From: [Alexandra Zollo](#)
To: [Driscoll, Keith J NFG NG MAANG \(USA\)](#)
Subject: [Non-DoD Source] Proposed Machine Gun Range
Date: Wednesday, August 26, 2020 10:58:01 AM

Good Morning,

The proposed machine gun range should not be placed at Joint Base Cape Cod. As a neighbor to the base, my family have never taken much issue with the trainings and fly overs but a machine gun range is a whole different package. How will the noise be mitigated when vegetation will be cleared to make way for the range. The trees and vegetation on the base is essential for buffering noise and pollutants. We have been barraged with side effects from the base for decades and are constantly worrying about our water and air quality and the thought of increased noise pollution on top of this is really worrisome. Please consider that the neighborhoods around the base are filled with young families as we have been pushed inland, unable to afford the prices closer to shore. Being squeezed away from the coast on the upper cape means closer proximity to the base which is not ideal but we all understand the important services that base provides. It has been a trying time during covid consoling my toddler from the constant fireworks that keep him awake in the evenings, how would a machine gun range work? Any time late in the day and we have children that can't sleep, and any time during the day or on weekends and we can't enjoy our properties and have our windows open. Please reconsider putting a machine gun range here. This would not be good for neighborly relationships.

Thank you,

Alexandra Zollo and the Zollo Family,
10 Saddleback Road Mashpee.