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To Mr. Tim Keegan CEO, Coalition of Hope Foundation

From Captain Terrance Eglend MC USN Ret

Subject: COH Excelsior Project

I have reviewed Excelsior Project concept and plans published at <https://www.coalitionofhope.org/>

My military responsibilities included operation medical support to ashore and deployed forces. As a physician, I provided direct medical care to active duty and dependents both deployed and ashore. I had a leadership role in planning and training for medical missions including humanitarian support and combat surgical support. I received a Masters Science in National Resource Strategy and from the Eisenhower School. My follow-on assignment as Head of Navy Medicine Business Planning, where I lead a tri-service business planning initiative. Later, as Professor at the Eisenhower School, my medical expertise was essential for courses in supply chain management, humanitarian support and disaster response and pandemic exercise development.

My assessment that tasking the military for Humanitarian Assistance Disaster Response (HADR) missions is suboptimal for the following reasons:

- US military forces diverted for primary missions
- US military not optimally equipped, manned or trained for HADR missions
- US military often delayed in response
- US military possibly perceived as a threat to host nations sovereignty

The Excelsior mitigates all those shortcomings.

Excelsior will be, supplied, equipped and staffed with personnel specifically trained and augmented by a coalition of the willing and able for mission tailored HADR missions. The Excelsior is not only deployable but prepositioned in areas of anticipated need. This HADR vessel will enhance host nation acceptance of assistance.

The Excelsior will transform HADR missions.

I offer my full endorsement of the COH Excelsior Project.



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