

THE WHITE HOUSE

October 21, 2015

The Honorable Allen Joines
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

Dear Mayor Joines:

I am thrilled to congratulate the City of Winston-Salem on the extraordinary achievement of ending veteran homelessness.

Since we launched Joining Forces, I have had the opportunity to meet with our troops, veterans, and military families and thank them for the sacrifices they have made to keep our Nation safe. However, saying thank you is simply not enough; it is up to all of us to make sure each of our service members has a place to call home.

To ensure that all homeless veterans throughout our country find permanent housing, we need to start at the ground level. More than 800 state and local leaders have banded together as part of the Mayors Challenge to End Veteran Homelessness—and we are seeing tremendous results.

Thank you for your leadership—and that of your colleagues in Winston-Salem—for the work you are doing and will continue to do. I am so proud of your city's commitment, dedication, and resolve to reach this milestone, and I am grateful for all you have done for America's heroes.

Congratulations again, Mayor Joines, and I wish you all the best.

Sincerely,

Michelle Obama