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Mr. Brad White  
National Chair,  
Yellow Ribbon America  
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Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for helping local communities show support for our deployed Service men and women and their families. The work of Yellow Ribbon America volunteers is commendable. Your new Home Improvements for Our Troops program, which coordinates support to severely injured service personnel and their families, underscores your organization's deep commitment to ensuring they achieve a high quality of life for the rest of their lives.

The comprehensive support that communities provide, which ranges from welcome home events and tickets to entertainment venues to emergency financial assistance for household necessities and vehicle and home repairs, demonstrates the nation's gratitude to these deserving men and women and their ever-supportive families. We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leslye A. Arsht".

Leslye A. Arsht  
Deputy Under Secretary of Defense  
(Military Community and Family Policy)