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Here's a letter of interest:

I am writing to express my recognition and immense pride in USAFA for how the H1N1 outbreak was handled. I am the immediate past president of the Defense Health Board, the current vice-president, and the chair of the DoD Pandemic Preparedness Task Force for the ASD(HA).

I am an influenza vaccine expert, and perhaps most relevant, the father of C3C Eric Poland USAFA class of 2012.

I am frequently interviewed by the national and international press and I have been pointing to USAFA as a text book, picture perfect way in which to handle an outbreak during this pandemic. Your clinic and hospital commanders should be commended for providing the best possible example for the civilian world on how to handle an outbreak like this.

They prevented what could have been a very serious outcome, and made it a "non-event" within 7-10 days - absolutely remarkable! Well done!

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