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Anthony Principi, Chairman
2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

I regret not writing you sooner to thank you and the Base Realignment and Closure Commissioners for removing the Niagara Falls Air Base from the proposed BRAC list.

I watched and waited, as so many did on that fateful day, to hear the Commission's final decision regarding the NFAB. When the good news came, the relief and joy expressed by those of us at the Niagara Falls International Airport was clear. The Commission had listened, reviewed and studied the Air Force recommendations and fairly determined that the NFAB's presence was an asset to the military and the community.

Thank you for accepting a job that, for all intentions, was difficult at best. The Niagara region owes you all a great debt of gratitude. You will be remembered well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Francine".

Francine DelMonte
Member of Assembly