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Dear Mr. Principal;

I thank you for your visit to the 188th yesterday. We also appreciate the time in San Antonio. We know the visitation with your son was the highlight of the day.

While the crowd was waiting for the weather to clear so you could land we told each other this man will think Ft. Sutherland's don't have sense to come in out by the rain or they really support the 188th. We feel we were blessed twice. We received much needed rain. The most blessed event was the fact you took time out to visit our fighter wing. We hope you found out firsthand the earlier base realignment reports were wrong.

We feel our 188th fighters wing us worked among the best.

I only wish you could have taken the helicopter trip to see firsthand the quality of our space available at the 188th. We are valuable to the military.

Every department of the 188th has always kept their Guardsmen with the up-to date training to compare with all active Air Force bases.

It looks as though they have done an excellent job because currently 2/3 of them are deployed in Iraq using the same job as the active Air Force bases. They are missing family events, their families but most of all they are concerned for their jobs and the future of their families welfare.

They are fighting America's worst enemy and they need to know it is not in vain because America still cares about them.

And their job at the 188th will still be here.

The fire department at the 188th is one of few in the U.S. It is the only one that can use any combustible material to simulate fires, with less smoke and physical conditions. This firefighting training center has been used more than the other four in the last year.

They support emergency efforts to the Enter Airports. This would a shame to shut down the most used training site and send them to Tulsa.

They say our base is the most cost effective. Every department has passed all inspections with the highest marks and lowest cost to the military.

Please give us another chance. Our fighter wing us up to it and our cities

will back them 100%.

Thank you again for
your visit and consideration.

I pray soon there will
be peace on earth and no need
for the military. That is not
the case now and the
188th fighter wing is doing
its part to keep freedom
and justice for the Iraqi
people but also the American
people. They are the best.

God Bless You,

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