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Hon. Anthony Principi  
Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
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Arlington, Virginia 22202

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Dear Chairman Principi:

The Arsenal Business and Technology Partnership has worked for the past four years with the Commanding General of the Army Materiel Command as well as the Commander of the US Army Tank and Automotive Command to develop a new Site Master Plan for the Watervliet Arsenal. That plan was the basis for Defense Secretary Rumsfeld's recommendations to the Commission for realignment of Watervliet Arsenal.

The keys to implementing the Master Plan include consolidation of the Army's mission-essential facilities into a compact, secure area and the conveyance of the Arsenal's real estate and facilities to a Local Redevelopment Authority with guaranteed leaseback terms and conditions acceptable to senior Army management: e.g., the Secretary of the Army. This consolidation will reduce costs to the Government while maintaining the critical core capabilities of the Arsenal and Benet Laboratory.

The Arsenal Business and Technology Partnership, as the Local Re-Use Authority, wishes to assure the Commission and the Department of Defense that it is committed to providing those Research, Development and Production facilities which the Army determines it requires for as long as it requires. We commit to do so under the terms of a negotiated, low-cost leaseback that enables the Army to continue to meet it's requirements at Watervliet Arsenal.

Respectfully,

Harry Robinson  
Chairman

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