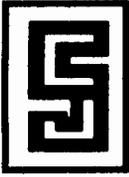


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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi:

I well remember meeting you at a Disabled American Veterans meeting in Brooklyn. My late father was a disabled WWII veteran of the Army Air Corps and a DAV member.

I am writing concerning the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Air Guard Base. I believe the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and keep the base open.

Apparently the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions, and jobs away from many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and concentrate them in more costly Active Duty bases. The Niagara Falls base, it seems to me, is of lasting importance based on frequent actuation of units headquartered there. Also, as I concerned citizen this base would seem to me to be of strategic importance in terms of electrical generation and the chemical industry in Niagara Falls. Finally, in out time of terrorist activity, Why put more eggs in any one basket than necessary?

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air Force Reserve and the Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to retain key, highly trained Air Force personnel even more difficult than they are now.

Our community stands with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and is united in its support for this base, and its retention. Please act to keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Thomas G Sellers