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DOD's blatant disregard for the BRAC criteria cast a shadow over the validity of their justifications for closures in the NCR. I strongly urge you to keep these concerns in mind as you proceed in your role on the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Wojciak or Victoria Proctor on my staff at (202) 225-5074. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,



Tom Davis
Chairman

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