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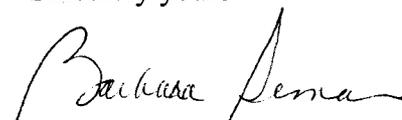
President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, D. C. 20500

Dear Mr. President

At its regular meeting of Tuesday, June 21, 2005, the City Council of North Olmsted, Ohio, unanimously passed Resolution No. 2005-97 which urges the United States Base Closure and Realignment Commission to retain 1,028 important federal defense jobs at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service in downtown Cleveland. The legislation further encourages the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in their advocacy efforts to protect the region's economic vitality by appealing the recommendation of the Defense Department to realign these jobs to other cities.

Pursuant to Section 3 of said Resolution, I am enclosing a certified copy.

Sincerely yours


Barbara L. Seman
Clerk of Council

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cc: Senator Voinovich
Senator DeWine
Congressman Kucinich
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance



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CITY OF NORTH OLMS TED
RESOLUTION NO. 2005 - 97

By: Mayor O'Grady and All of Council

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION TO RETAIN 1,028 IMPORTANT FEDERAL DEFENSE JOBS AT THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE IN DOWNTOWN CLEVELAND; SUPPORTING AND ENCOURAGING THE CLEVELAND DEFENSE INDUSTRY ALLIANCE AND THE GREATER CLEVELAND PARTNERSHIP IN THEIR ADVOCACY EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE REGION'S ECONOMIC VITALITY BY APPEALING THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO REALIGN THESE JOBS TO OTHER CITIES AND ENCOURAGING THEIR RETENTION; FURTHER COMMITTING COUNCIL'S SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE IN THIS UNDERTAKING; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

WHEREAS, the City of North Olmsted has as one of its primary responsibilities improving the health and welfare of its citizens, which includes ensuring the availability of a diverse selection of employment opportunities in the Greater Cleveland area; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) in downtown Cleveland is currently the fourth largest federal employer in Greater Cleveland, with a \$65 million annual payroll; and

WHEREAS, DFAS employs some 1,200 people from throughout the region, and provides jobs that are vital to the health of the regional workforce and enriches the ranks of professionals in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, in FY 2003 the Cleveland DFAS office was the world center for Navy payroll services and personnel data management as well as the Reserve Pay Center of Excellence, distributing \$101 billion and serving 2,745,000 military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland's DFAS office is an integral part of the system that supports our armed forces, and is a cutting edge model of operational efficiency and customer service for U.S. military pay operations around the world; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these jobs could cost Greater Cleveland an estimated \$128 million, further eroding our regional and state tax base and endangering money for vital services, such as police and fire protection through Northeast Ohio; and

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WHEREAS, the Pentagon will spend approximately \$282 million dollars to close various DFAS sites and shuffle around thousands of DFAS jobs in order to save \$158 million in the next five years; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland is one of the nation's preeminent financial service centers, home to the headquarters of several large commercial banks and the regional Federal Reserve, and perfectly situated to continue its track record of excellence here well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense (DOD) has recommended to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission that 1,028 jobs currently performed by the Cleveland DFAS in the Anthony J. Celebreeze Federal Building be relocated to the other cities, and the recommendation is not a final one; and

WHEREAS, this Resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH OLMS TED, COUNTY OF CUYAHOGA, AND STATE OF OHIO:

SECTION 1: That this Council hereby urges the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove the Cleveland office of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service from the list of closures and realignments proposed on May 13, 2005, and retain the 1,028 important federal defense jobs here in Cleveland.

SECTION 2: That this Council encourages the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in their advocacy efforts to preserve the region's economic vitality by working to reverse the U.S. Department of Defense's recommendation to realign these professional jobs to other cities.

SECTION 3: That the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to President George W. Bush, Congressional Representative Dennis Kucinich, and Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich; the appropriate representatives from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and the members of the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance.

SECTION 4: That this Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure immediately necessary for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare, and further for the reason that it is necessary that this Resolution go into effect immediately so that it may be transmitted before the Base Realignment and Closure Commission acts on the May 13, 2005 proposal of the Defense Department; and further provided it receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

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PASSED: June 21, 2005

First Reading: 6/21/05
Second Reading: Suspended
Third Reading: Suspended
Committee: Suspended

ATTEST:

Barbara L. Seman
BARBARA L. SEMAN
Clerk of Council

Kevin M. Kennedy
KEVIN M. KENNEDY
President of Council

APPROVED: 06/22/05

APPROVED AS TO LEGAL FORM:

Thomas E. O'Grady
MAYOR THOMAS E. O'GRADY

/s/ James M. Dubelko
JAMES M. DUBELKO
Director of Law

I hereby certify this to be a true and accurate copy of Ordinance or Resolution No. 2005-97 passed 6/21/05 by the Council of the City of North Olmsted, Ohio.

Barbara L. Seman
Barbara L. Seman, Clerk of Council