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BRAC Commission

2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600

Arlington, VA 22202



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June 14, 2005

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I am writing to you as a local business owner of over thirty-three years whom employs many people in our community. I am also writing to you as the voice of our community.

We believe that the decision to close the NAS JRB Willow Grove base is flawed. This decision would remove a critical element of our National Security, our Homeland Defense, and have an enormous negative effect on everyone in our region.

Attached are the signatures of over 600 people in our community who want to their voice to be heard.

676 at mailing and counting...

We strongly urge you to convey our interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

- Working Joint operations including all services except Coast Guard
- Critical/strategic location near all Northeast Corridor major metropolitan and port areas
- Vital part of Homeland Defense & Security for the East Coast
- Huge economic impact to our local region
- Modern, 8,000 ft. runway and modern Digital Radar Air Control System - one of only four in the U.S. and available for Emergency Preparedness and operations.
- Strong community support

We appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria T. Nappi".

Maria T. Nappi

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