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June 28, 2005

Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioners:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Resolution 117-2005, passed by the Council of the City of Euclid on June 20, 2005.

This Resolution 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.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Regina Cahill
Clerk of Council
City of Euclid, Ohio

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Resolution No. 117-2005

By – Mayor Cervenik and Entire 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, and 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; and further committing Council's support and assistance in this undertaking.

WHEREAS, Euclid City Council has 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 enrich the ranks of professionals in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland DFAS office is 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 in FY 2003; 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 throughout Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland is one of the nations 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. Celebrezze Federal Building be relocated to other cities; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation is not a final decision; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance has announced its intentions to work with community partners to fight and reverse DOD's proposal before the Base Realignment and Closure Commission forwards its recommendations to President Bush in September 2005; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Council of the City of Euclid, 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.

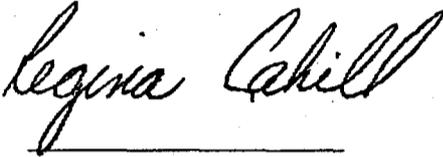
Section 2: That this Council encourages the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in their advocacy efforts to preserve the region's economic vitality by working to reverse the U.S. Department of Defense's recommendation to realign these professional jobs to other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

Section 3: That the Clerk of this Council is hereby authorized and directed to certify a copy of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Congressional Representatives Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Dennis Kucinich, Sherrod Brown, and Steven LaTourette, and Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich; the appropriate representatives from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, c/o Frederick R. Nance; Frederick R. Nance, Chairman Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance, c/o Greater Cleveland Partnership, Tower City Center, 50 Public Square, Suite 200, Cleveland, Ohio 44113-2291.

Section 3: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4: That this resolution shall take immediate effect.

Attest:



Clerk of Council

Passed: June 20, 2005

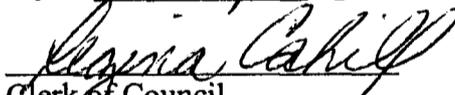

President of Council

Approved:


Mayor

CERTIFICATION

I, Regina Cahill, duly elected, qualified and acting Clerk of Council of the City of Euclid, Ohio, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and exact copy of RES. 117-2005 passed by said Council on the 20th day of JUNE, 2005


Clerk of Council