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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear Commission Members:

I request your support for retention of the United States Army Reserve Center in Maysville, Kentucky.

The Maysville USAR Center is home to the Headquarters, 400th Quartermaster Company. The very small number of personnel assigned to the unit belies the importance of the facility. The situation of the 400th Quartermaster Company, which has been mobilized for deployment to Iraq, exemplifies the future recruiting and retention issues facing small USAR units. Our Northern Kentucky reservists are dedicated professionals who readily accept lengthy deployments, family separations and time away from civilian jobs to wage the War on Terror. As a West Point graduate, father of six children and former businessman, I understand the professional and personal challenges faced by these brave Americans.

Closing the Maysville USAR Center will increase the commuting time and distance for unit members. The result will be an additional burden on the lives of reserve soldiers whose military duties greatly exceed those of their Cold War era predecessors. The Reserve Component is facing its greatest recruiting and retention challenges in more than 20 years. Now is not the time to close small USAR centers that are vital to the retention of combat experienced units that have a very real possibility for future deployments.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee I realize the tremendous challenges you face in evolving the base structure that will sustain our armed forces in this dangerous and uncertain time in our nation's history. I simply ask for your retention of a reserve center that plays such an important role in the military duties and retention of a small group of soldiers in Northern Kentucky.

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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