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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Ste. 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

Thank you for your leadership and service to our country as chairman of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission. This is clearly an important yet daunting task that confronts you.

I write today to tell you of my support for an important military installation in central Ohio that is vital not only to my constituents, but to the defense efforts of our great county: the Defense Supply Center, Columbus. The Defense Supply Center, DSCC, is one of the premier defense facilities in the country. DLA and the various tenant agencies have been recognized time and again for their efficiencies and service, including winning the coveted Commander-in-Chief Annual Award for Installation Excellence, not once, but twice in the last five years.

The modern facilities at DSCC, including new security fences and gates, a state of the art data center, upgraded utilities and services, and two modern office towers, allow the installation to perform a multitude of missions in a safe secure environment and at much lower cost than similar installations. In previous realignments these efficiencies and low costs have led the Department of Defense to chose DSCC for new and expanded missions. DSCC's central location in Columbus, Ohio (next to a large airport, rail lines and highways) also makes it an ideal location to serve as a logistics hub for the many military installations east of the Mississippi.

The jointness already exhibited by the many defense activities currently located at DSCC is strengthened by several planned and funded additions to the installation. The Department of Veterans Affairs is building a new VA "super clinic" which will start construction in August of 2005, as well as planned new missions for the Ohio National Guard and the Army Reserve. This jointness allows efficiencies of scale such as a joint use medical facility, shared training and conference facilities, lower cost for security and fire protection forces. Additionally, having related agencies are located in close proximity to each other encourages collaboration and the cross pollination of ideas and leadership.



Finally, DSCC is ideal for relocation of new missions. It can easily accommodate another 2000 personnel with no military construction. The base has over 100 acres of clean vacant land ready for new development with existing utility infrastructure that can easily support new growth. The surrounding metropolitan area can easily support and absorb thousands of additional personnel, and can supply a highly trained technical labor force. The Columbus metropolitan area has plenty of housing, schools and other amenities available to support this growth without any new investment in infrastructure.

I believe that as you closely examine the facilities and missions at the Defense Supply Center Columbus you will find it ideally suited not only for the missions it has today, as well as those new missions recommended by the pentagon report, but for additional new missions to support our national defense efforts

Thank you and thanks to the other members of the Commission for your service in this difficult task. Feel free to contact me if I can provide any needed information as you make your decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "P" and a simple "at" following it.

Patrick J. Tiberi
Representative to Congress