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Commissioners
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202



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Dear Commissioners:

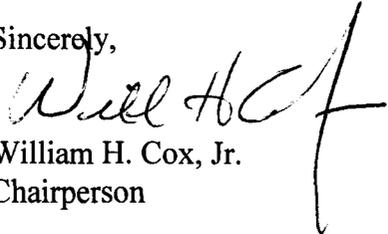
It is with sincere interest that the Members of the Greater Harford Committee express their full endorsement of the current recommendations made by the Department of Defense. In addition, the Members pledge their commitment to assist and cooperate with you in order to successfully effectuate those operations, personnel and families to be received at Aberdeen Proving Ground as a result of proposed implementation of the recommendations.

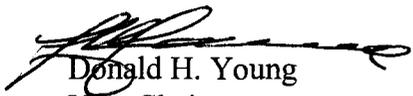
As brief background, our Committee consists of owners and representatives of some 45 different businesses located in and/or providing services, goods and merchandise to the general public and governments so as to enable and promote the development of an economically sound Harford County. Our mission and vision encompass a fundamental ideology that the lives of every person living and working in Harford County can be improved by using cooperative means to set and achieve goals which positively impact people today and into the future.

In that regard, our Members are fully aware of the value placed upon Aberdeen Proving Ground by the Department of Defense as well as our community in general. We not only pledge our commitment to assist prospective new personnel and their families who may relocate to our County, but also to stand ready to implement a coordinated effort with State and local governments to act as a network of resources in the areas of education, health care, housing, banking, real estate professionals, law, communications, media, and many other areas required in one's daily life. We are including attachments which represent a sampling of the resources offered by our Members and hope they will be of benefit to you and those who may be in need of same.

Thank you for this opportunity to address the Commission. If we can assist in you in any way or should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at the above number.

Sincerely,


William H. Cox, Jr.
Chairperson


Donald H. Young
Vice Chairperson


Susan Affleck Bauer, Esquire
Secretary