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

The Harford County Association of Realtors includes more than 1400 Brokers, Salespersons and affiliate members, all of which proudly and strongly endorse the DOD / BRAC recommendations for the U.S. Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground facility here in Harford County. Our Association welcomes the opportunity to serve, support, and cooperate with our local partners in order to make any final recommendations a smooth transition for an overall successful mission.

With regard to the local housing market, our region (including Harford, Cecil and Baltimore Counties) provides for a wide variety of housing from entry level condominiums and townhouses to waterfront and rural estates. The average price in the region is a modest \$230,000 with a median price of \$195,000. Last year alone, over 17,000 homes changed hands in our area. Based on these numbers along with projected new regional developments, our region's ample housing stock is equipped to absorb the needs of relocating employees as a result of the Department of Defense BRAC recommendations.

As you may well know, our region is centrally located in the Mid-Atlantic and within an easy drive of the plentiful cultural offerings of Baltimore, Washington, and Philadelphia. Residents of Harford County also have the luxury of living within close proximity to the beaches of Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, as well as the mountains of Western Maryland, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Virginia.

We want the Commission to know Harford County offers a location and environment second to none. We have everything from natural resources like the Susquehanna River and the Chesapeake Bay, to the world famous Ripken Stadium, and Bulle Rock Golf Course. Moreover, there is an abundance of local restaurants, recreational venues, as well as year round events and activities.



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Our Association looks forward to cooperating with the Commission as they consider the BRAC recommendations. We also offer our real estate expertise and services in order to assist the Commission to make their final recommendations. The Harford County Association of Realtors is eager and willing to provide any information and assistance necessary to the Commission. Most of all, we look forward to welcoming and relocating employees and new residents to our area.

Sincerely,

Tim Hopkins
President
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