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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
United States Defense
Base Closure & Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

Recently, the Senate of Pennsylvania adopted Senate Resolution No.145 of the 2005-2006 Session of the General Assembly.

As specified in this resolution, I am transmitting herewith a certified copy of Senate Resolution No.145 to you.

Very truly yours

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General James T. Hill, Commissioner
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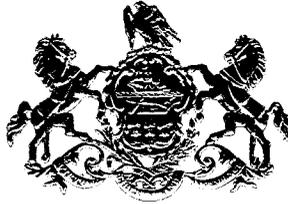
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The Honorable James V. Hansen, Commissioner
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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., Commissioner
United States Defense
Base Closure & Realignment Commission
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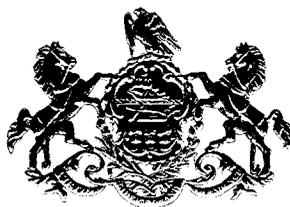
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General Lloyd W. Newton, Commissioner
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Dear General Newton:

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The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner, Commissioner
United States Defense
Base Closure & Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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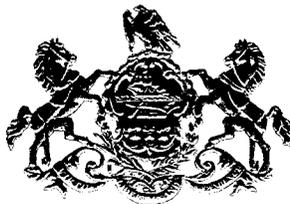
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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner, Commissioner
United States Defense
Base Closure & Realignment Commission
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Dear Brigadier General Turner:

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The Honorable Philip Coyle, Commissioner
United States Defense
Base Closure & Realignment Commission
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The Honorable James H. Bilbray, Commissioner
United States Defense
Base Closure & Realignment Commission
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Dear Commissioner Bilbray:

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In the Senate, July 1, 2005

Whereas, The United States Department of Defense recently recommended numerous military base closings and realignments to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission; and

Whereas, The recommendation included 13 military installations in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; and

Whereas, The Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station, located in Moon Township, Pennsylvania, and the Charles E. Kelly Support Center, with facilities located in Oakdale and Neville Island, Pennsylvania, were among those recommended for closure; and

Whereas, The Department of Defense recommended moving the 99th Regional Readiness Command, located in Moon Township, to Fort Dix, New Jersey; and

Whereas, Allegheny County and western Pennsylvania will lose more than 850 civilian and military jobs if these bases close or are realigned; and

Whereas, The biggest potential loss will be the closing of the Air Reserve Station, home of the 911th Military Airlift Wing; and

Whereas, The Air Reserve Station has been based at the Pittsburgh International Airport since 1942; and

Whereas, Since 1963, the base has been home to the 911th Military Airlift Wing; and

Whereas, The 911th Military Airlift Wing is an Air Force Reserve wing that flies the C-130 cargo plane; and

Whereas, Approximately 1,220 Air Force reservists are assigned to the Air Reserve Station, which also employs 320 civilians; and

Whereas, It is estimated that closing the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station will eliminate 44 military and 278 civilian jobs; and

Whereas, It is estimated that closing the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station will cost the local economy approximately \$94 million a year; and

Whereas, Land constraints were cited as one reason for including the Air Reserve Station on the closure list; and

Whereas, The Pittsburgh International Airport has made available, through a Memorandum of Understanding, an additional 53 acres at the airport facility that were not considered in the Air Force/BRAC review of the facilities; and

Whereas, Additional acreage exists upon which the facility can expand to address the needs of the Department of Defense; and

Whereas, The Charles E. Kelly Support Center provides logistical support to active and reserve Army units in the Middle Atlantic Region, including a transportation office that facilitates travel for Army reservists to and from active duty; and

Whereas, According to the Department of Defense, closing the Charles E. Kelly Support Center would result in the loss of an estimated 174 military and 136 civilian jobs; and

Whereas, Closing the Charles E. Kelly Support Center and its commissary would affect an estimated 100,000 active and retired military members in Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio; and

Whereas, The 99th Regional Readiness Command oversees more than 20,000 Reserve soldiers in 185 units in five states and the District of Columbia; and

Whereas, The 99th Regional Readiness Command has approximately 220 full-time positions; and

Whereas, The Army estimates that this unit contributes about \$100 million to the local economy each year; and

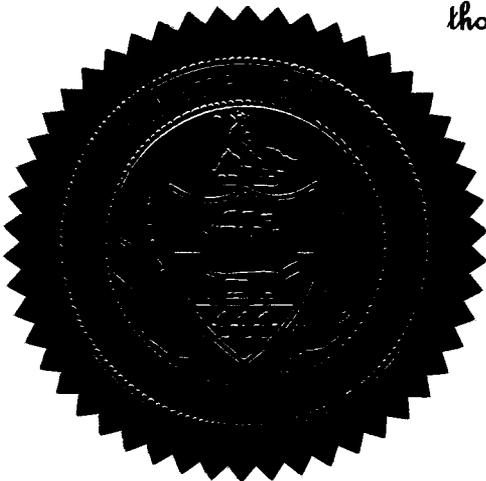
Whereas, All three of these military installations are critical to national defense and homeland security; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has already lost more than 16,000 military and civilian jobs over the previous four rounds of base closings; therefore be it

Resolved, That the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania strongly urge the President and Congress of the United States and the members of the 2005 BRAC Commission to remove the Pittsburgh International Airport Air Reserve Station and the Charles E. Kelly Support Center from the list of proposed military base closures and to remove the 99th Regional Readiness Command from the list of proposed base realignments; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, to the presiding officers of each house of Congress, to each member of Congress from Pennsylvania and to all members of the 2005 BRAC Commission.

I certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Senate Resolution No. 145, introduced by Senators Wayne D. Fontana, John Pippy, Sean F. Logan, Robert J. Mellow, Jay Costa, Jr., Gerald J. La Valle, Jim Ferlo, J. Barry Stout, Gibson E. Armstrong, Michael A. O'Pake, Richard A. Kasunic, Shirley M. Kitchen, Jeffrey E. Piccola, John N. Wozniak, Christine M. Tartaglione, Anthony A. Williams, Vincent J. Hughes, Michael J. Stack, Vincent J. Fumo, LeAnna M. Washington, John C. Rafferty, Jr., Stewart J. Greenleaf and Robert D. Robbins, and adopted by the Senate of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania the first day of July in the year of our Lord, two thousand five.



Attest:


Mark R. Corrigan, Secretary