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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
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Dear Mr. Principi,

**Proposed closure of AFIP**

We learn that your Commission will be recommending “disestablishment” of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. I would like to petition for your re-consideration. AFIP has served in many many ways the international world of pathology, the most important branch of laboratory medicine for decades. It has provided valuable leadership and consultation service. Moreover, it houses the secretariat of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP), the largest professional organization of pathologists in the world. In that respect, the IAP provides expertise and leadership to pathologists of the whole world.

I look forward to further deliberation of the matter before a decision is made.

Yours sincerely,

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