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Sincerely,

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:10 AM

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Sincerely,

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CEO



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Sincerely,

Loretta Madia
(A concerned Citizen)

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Maia Rudman
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Sincerely, Lori Eracitano

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(A concerned citizen)

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Dr. Mac Iner
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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:26 AM

From:

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Sincerely, *Rob Eisenman*
4221 Lockport Rd
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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9320 Lockport Road
Niagara Falls NY
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Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Richard Kuma () on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:25:10

address: 8815 Point Avenue

city: Niagara Falls

state: New York

zip: 14304

comments:

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Stephen H. Roberts
9810 Hickory Lane
Niagara Falls, NY
14304

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 11:37 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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GARY GREAT II on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 11:37:42

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zip: 14243

comments:

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

William G. Beckwith
2895 Cambria Wilson Rd
Wilson N.Y. 14172

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 11:36 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kimberly Ann Wiatrowski (1) on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 11:36:01

address: 80 Pearl Terrace

city: Elma

state: New York

zip: 14054

comments:

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James J. Stango
Retired Capt USAF
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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Sincerely,


6111 Edgewood Drive
NIAGARA FALLS NY 14304



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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:14 AM**From:****To:** info@nimac.org**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Diane Martin-Pratt 1) on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:14:23

address1: 1082 Thomas Pox B

city: B. Tonawanda

state: NY

zip: 14120

comments:

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 2521 South Clark Street
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Sincerely,

Beverly H. VonCraigh
249-27th St.
Niagara Falls, NY 14303



Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:28 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Ruth Kormik on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:26:15

address: 8815 Front Avenue

city: Niagara Falls

state: New York

zip: 14304

comments:

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<<Ruth Kormik >>

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Sincerely,

Jeanelle Siegman
6938 Maple Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:27 AM

From:

To: Info@nlmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Joseph DeVald II on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:27:21

address: 237 South Turr Street

city: North Bullimore

state: OH

zip: 45872

comments:

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DANIEL BUCKLEY
244-27th SA
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14303

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Sincerely,

Patricia A. Allen

*53 Expressway Village
Niagara Falls, NY 14304*

To: info@nimac.org



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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:27 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Derrick Mahoney () on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:27:18

address: 8215 Point Ave

city: Niagara Falls

state: New York

zip: 14304

comments:

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Sincerely,

<<Derrick Mahoney >>

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:09 AM

From:

To: info@nirnac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kristen Gaines () on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:09:04

address: 6471 Donna Drive

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14304

comments:

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Arlington, VA 22202

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<< ENTER YOUR NAME HERE >>
Kristen Gaines

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Anthony J Fiorita
ANTHONY J FIORITA
7820 PORTER RD
NIAGARA FALLS, NY 14304

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:06 AM

From:

To: info@nrmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
megan mazza () on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:05:09

address: 5244 Lowline rd

city: sanborn

state: ny

zip: 14132

comments:

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Sincerely,

<<megan.mazza

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P.O. Box 231
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Sincerely,

Chris Cooper
5838 SHAWNEE RD
SANBORN, N.Y. 14132

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:05 AM**From:****To:** info@nimac.org**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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SUSAN LEBHART (1) on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:05:48

address1: 2740 ALDIE CREEK DR. S. #1

city: NORTH TONAWANDA

state: NY

zip: 14120

comments:

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Arlington, VA 22202

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3121 Dell Drive
NY NY 14304

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Sincerely,

Brian Beiter
Brian Beiter
7129 Packard Road
N.F. NY 14304

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:21 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Mary Lucy Drabuzyk on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:21:25

address: 2515 PARKER BOULEVARD

city: TONAWANDA

state: New York

zip: 14150

comments:

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:20 AM

From:

To: info@nlmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Marlene Lucetti on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:29:11.

address1: 8243 Kirkop ave

city: Niagara Falls

state: New York

zip: 14304

comments:

Chairman Anthony C. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2821 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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open.

Sincerely,

<Marlene Lucetti>

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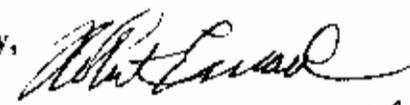
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Sincerely,


7130 Loeur Rd
Niagara Falls N.Y.
14304

05272005

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:19 AM
From:
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Edward J. P. Drabczyk (i) on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:19:35

Address: 2515 FARNER BOULEVARD
City: TORRANCE
State: New York
Zip: 14130

Comments:
Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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4741 CREEKSIDE DR
N.F.N.Y. 14305-1307



Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 11:07 AM
From: Kimberly.Wiatrowski@med.va.gov
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Base closing

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5/26/2005

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Kimberly A. Wiatrowski
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Sincerely,

Ronald J. Hachard
7203 ST JOSEPH RD
NIAGARA FALLS, NY
14304

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:17 AM

From:

To: info@nlmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
deena degazio () on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 09:17:41

address: 1316 roselle ave

city: NIAGARA FALLS

state: ny

zip: 14305

comments:

Chairman Anthony G. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 603
Arlington, VA 22202

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deena degazio

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 11:03 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lucynda A. Beers () on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 11:03:17

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city: Cheektowaga

state: NY

zip: 14206-2650

comments:

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Lucynda A. Beers,
Mother of PVT. Jason E. Beers, US Army (recruited 03/05)

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Charles E. Haselty
3635 Haselty DR.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304



Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:16 AM
From:
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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address: 2515 PARKER BOULEVARD

city: TONAWANDA

state: New York

zip: 14150

comments:

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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<< Edward J. P. Drabczyk
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Sincerely,



Karen A. Scalzo
8029 Colonial Drive
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 9:16 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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city: TONAWANDA

state: New York

zip: 14150

comments:

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May 25, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
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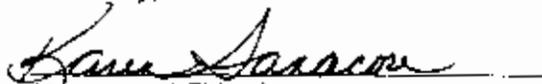
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Sincerely,


(A concerned Citizen)

Karen Sanacore

134 De Van Ave
Lockport, Ny 14094



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5/26/2005

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Sincerely,

David M. Chojnacki

Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 1:32 PM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Emma J Winner () on Thursday, May 26, 2005 at 13:32:34

address: 5411 Maplewood Dr

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<< Emma J > Winner >>

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Joe Scalzo
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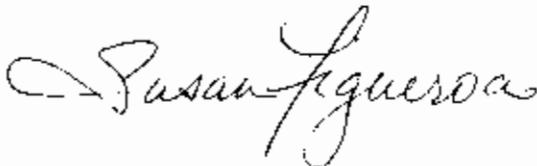
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Susan Figueroa
(Concerned Citizen)
1269 Norwood Drive
Lockport, NY 14094

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Jim Scalfano
6903 RALPH, CT
Niagara Falls NY

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 11:24 AM

From:

To: info@nmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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address: 85 grand street

city: Lockport

state: ny

zip: 14094

comments:

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Sincerely,

Fran Mazzocchi

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Janet Koelbarger

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Sincerely,

Cindy A. Burke
Cindy A. Burke
1375 Abington place
N. Tonawanda NY 14120

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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 12:43 PM**From:****To:** info@nlmac.org**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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address: 8471 Donna Drive

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14304

comments:

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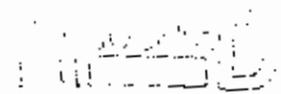
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Date: Thursday, May 26, 2005 12:42 PM

From:

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Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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address!: 6471 Donna Drive

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14304

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June, 2005

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Sincerely,

Tom Della Nave

(A concerned Citizen)

4663 Clark St.

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Hamburg N.Y. 14075

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Barth J. Bering
(A concerned Citizen)

460 Normal Ave
(Address)

Buffalo 14213 NY
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6/29/05

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*117 Herifwood drive
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Quidde Ann Arnold

(A Concerned Citizen)

7094 Larry Court

(Address)

North Tonawanda

(City, State, Zip)

NY 14120

Date: 6/6/05

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BRAC COMMISSION
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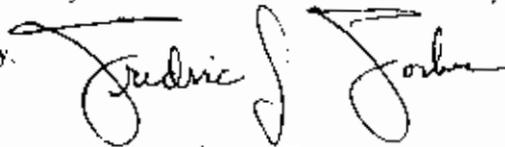
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Additional Comments: It sounded like a good budgetary decision
to concentrate our navy at "Pearl Harbor"!
Did we learn anything?

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



Name: Fredric J. Forbes
Address: 8510 Pershing Ave, NF, NY 14304
Phone #: ()

Date: 6/7/05



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Additional Comments: Ex Army 7yrs We need this Air base

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Sincerely, Daniel R. Darling Sr.

Name: Daniel R. Darling Sr.
Address: 557 Broad St. Tonawanda, NY 14150
Phone #: (716) 297-1820

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Date: May 31, 2005

SAVE OUR BASE... 107TH AIR REFUELING WING
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Additional Comments: _____

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Roffe

Name: Barbara Roffe
Address: 420-95036 Apt 4
Phone #: (76) 2360442

Date: June 5, 2005

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Additional Comments: The base is the Heartbeat of the Community.
Without a heartbeat you die. Please don't let this happen.

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Sincerely, Bernard & Gloria Duncan

Name: Bernard & Gloria Duncan
Address: 2171 Balder Rd. Rossmore, NY 14131
Phone #: (716) 791-8041

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Sincerely,

Samuel D. U
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Date: 5/25/05

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Cheryl L. Wicks

Name: Cheryl L. Wicks
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Phone #: 716 954-7027

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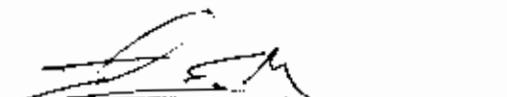
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(A concerned Citizen)

Thomas E. Beck
211 Garden Ave

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James Hall

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Benedict J. Moraca
1295 Ransom Rd
Gr Fs WY 14072

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(A concerned Citizen)

KEVIN POKKIS
14722 52nd Pk

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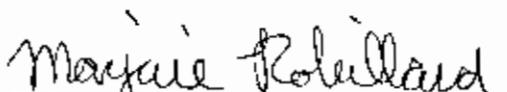
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1932 Harway Road
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Marla Crawford
(A concerned Citizen)
820 N. Colony Rd
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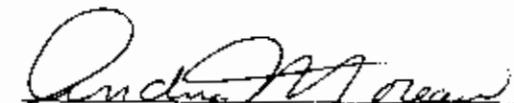
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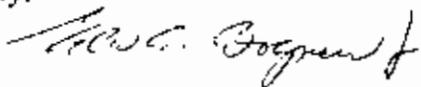
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EDWARD R. BOGNER JR
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2101 FIRE RD

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Lawrence S. Pass
(A concerned Citizen)

3902 East River Rd.

Grand Island, N.Y. 14072

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2621 W. River
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May 2005

Mark Webster
3409 Witmer Road
Niagara Falls, New York 14305

BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,



05272005

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:27 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Karen M. Holam () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:27:06

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 1936 Saunders Settlement Road

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14304

comments: I oppose the closing of the Niagara Air Base. I feel it would be devastating to the economy of WNY and detrimental to the safety of our border.

submit: Submit Petition

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5/24/2005

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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(A Concerned Citizen)

MARK BURNETT

2167 BAUSER Rd.

SAANSONVILLE NY 14131

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Sincerely,

Johanna Burnett
(A Concerned Citizen)

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2167 Balmer Road
Ransomville NY 14131

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Sincerely,

Dorothea E. Howard
(A Concerned Citizen)

4504 Porter Center Rd.
Lewiston, NY 14092

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Lewiston, NY 14092

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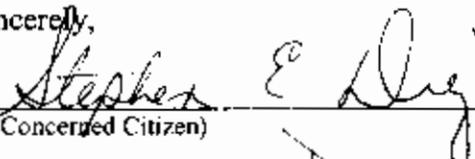
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(A Concerned Citizen)

Stephen E. Diez
2115 Balmer Rd
Kansanville, NY 14131

Marilyn C. Lojek

May 24, 2005

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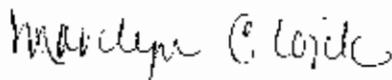
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Marilyn C. Lojek
A Concerned Citizen

448 Fort Gray Drive • Lewiston, New York 14092



Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:20 AM
From:
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Kevin Bennett (j) on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:20:54

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 552 26th Street

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14301

comment: before your own comments here.

subject: Submit Petition

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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:26 AM

From:

To: info@nlmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Denise Cain () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:26:17

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 397 Glenwood Ave

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: Submit petition

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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:25 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Arthur S. Fitzkowski () on Thursday, May 24, 2005 at 10:25:26

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 1256 French Road, Apt 3

city: Cheektowaga

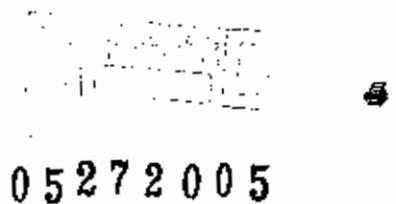
state: New York

zip: 14346

comment: I OPPOSE the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base!

subject: Submit Petition

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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:24 AM
From:
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Judith A. Tederis () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:24:29

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 2704 Whitney Ave

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14301

comments: Not only is the Niagara Falls Air Base necessary for our security it is important and necessary for the economy of our city and county.

submit: Submit Petition

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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 12:01 PM

From:

To: info@nmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
foualhan szumada () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 12:01:40

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to clear the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 64 Conrad

city: buffalo

state: ny

zip: 14216

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: Submit Petition

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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:23 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your Feedback form. It was submitted by Nicole Lindqvist on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:23:12

pl:10200: We oppose The Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 22 Ayrault Dr

city: Amherst

comment: Enter your own comments here.

subject: Support Petition

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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 12:07 PM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback comment that was submitted by
 Amanda Marie Bishop on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 12:07 PM

problem: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
 Niagara Falls Air Base

comment: Enter your own comments here.

action: Submit Feedback

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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:23 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Stacey M. Lewis (f) on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:23:27

address1: 1217 Calumet Ave

city: NIAGARA FALLS

state: NEW YORK

zip: 14305

comment:1:

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
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Sincerely,

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submit: Send Letter

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**Christine D'Aloise
3515 North Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

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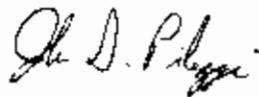
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**John S. Pileggi , Technical Sergeant
914th ARW Aircraft Mechanic
844 College Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

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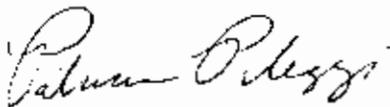
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**Patricia Pileggi (wife of a 914th reservist and aircraft mechanic)
844 College Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

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**Lorraine Pileggi (mother of a 914th reservist and aircraft mechanic)
4961 Tuscarora Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14304**



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Helen Puisys

**Helen Puisys (grandmother of a 914th reservist and aircraft mechanic)
4961 Tuscarora Road
Niagara Falls, NY 14304**

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:23 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Deborah Hengst () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:23:07

address: 552 28th Street

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14301

comments:

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington VA, 22202

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Sincerely,

Deborah Hengst

submit: Send Letter

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Dina Ventrilla

**Dina Ventrilla
4992 Callan Drive
Lewiston, NY 14092**

05272005



Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:33 AM
From:
To: info@nmac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Richard Keddy () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:33:05

payload: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 144 palmer ave

city: Kenmore

state: NY

zip: 14217

comments: Enter your own comments here.

subject: Submit Petition

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May 2005
Joseph Sirianni
3037 Macklem Avenue
Niagara Falls, New York 14305

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BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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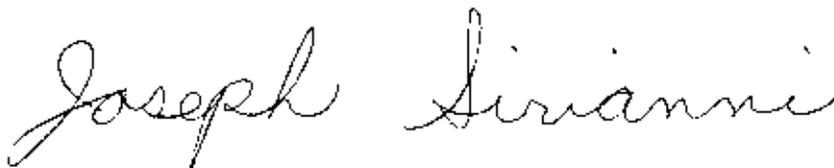
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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:35 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition



Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Bill A. Szlak () on Thursday, May 24, 2005 at 10:35:17

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 770 Harrison Ave

city: Buffalo

state: New York

zip: 14224

comments: Please keep our military and civilian jobs in New York!

subject: Schmidt Petition

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BRAC Commission

JUL 14 2005

Received

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Sincerely,

Susan Swaglowia
(A concerned citizen)

27 Royal Oak

Grand St. Dy 14072

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Dwight A. Rock
1406 Eldersberry Pl.
Niagara Falls, Ny 14304

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Derald Thilke
Grand Island NY 17042

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Mr. & Mrs. Ronald P. Granga
Lt. Col. N.Y.
14072

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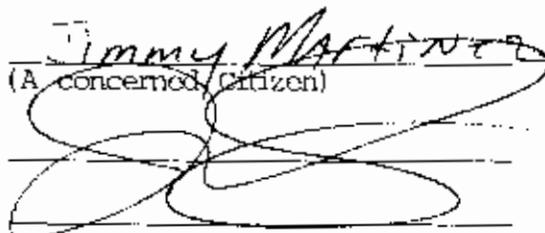
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Sincerely,


(A concerned citizen)

168 SPICER CREEK RUN
Grand Island NY
14072

7/11/2005

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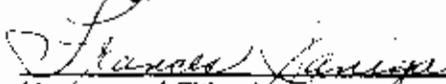
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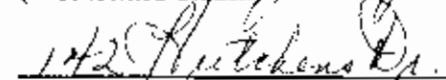
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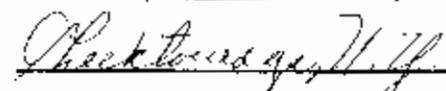
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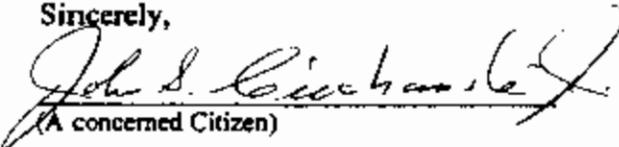
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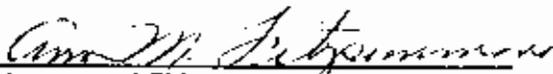
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For God and Country,
Paul Fulcomer
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The Honorable Anthony Principi,
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Polk Building, Suite 600
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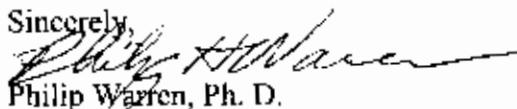
I am writing in support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendation to preserve the US Army Soldier Systems Center - Natick. (Natick Labs).

The Natick Labs have consistently demonstrated their value to the DoD. One example is the wide-ranging support currently being provided to our operations in Iraq and Afghanistan where high quality rations; enhanced ballistic protection and improved quality of life are made possible through the extraordinary efforts of the Natick Labs teams. In fact, the Natick Labs have a 50-year history of sustaining, protecting and enhancing the quality of life of the warfighter. The countless advances that have come from Natick Labs have fed, housed and protected millions of warfighters involving all branches of the military. This success has been made possible by a combination of exceptional technical talent, dedication to duty and Natick's unique location in the heart of the technology center of New England.

Secretary Rumsfeld has made it clear that a high-tech, efficient and mobile military is the future of our Armed Forces. The Natick Labs are currently designing systems and equipment that will benefit warfighters in all the military services including Special Operations Forces. In addition, many of the technological breakthroughs resulting from the Natick Labs R&D programs can be applied directly to use by law enforcement agencies and first responders for national security here at home.

In closing, the GEO-CENTERS Team is proud to support the Natick Labs and their mission to keep America safe. By retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Pentagon has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its technological capabilities. We recognize that commitment and will do our part to enhance the collaboration between the academic/high tech/medical sectors and these facilities so that the Natick Labs can continue their critical work in defense of our nation and grow for the future.

Sincerely,



Philip Warren, Ph. D.
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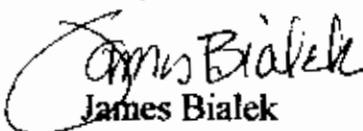
While attached to the 914th Airlift Wing from October 1989 thru January 2004, I was never activated nor asked to participate in a support mission Nationally or Internationally. For fifteen years I sat in classrooms and studied my career field, participated in exercises, took physicals and was responsible to make sure my shot record and combat gear were up to date, like so many other units attached to the 914th. Please understand, my intention is not to demean the service I love. I am a big supporter of the military, having started my career with Vietnam in 1969. I truly wanted to serve my country and have been in the Reserves since 1982.

In January, 2004, I was activated to serve in support of Iraqi Freedom / Enduring Freedom. Although this activation removed me from my family and livelihood, I was prepared and willing to do my small part in this war and proud to serve this great nation of ours. Out of 138 men and women in my Squadron, the Air Force only activated 26 of us. I'm sure that you will agree that the same condition exists with Airlift. AMC may activate 2 or 4 aircraft for 60 or 120 days, but rarely more and rarely longer.

I don't believe that the public is well served by funding all the C-130's, KC-135's and 2500 military and civilian personnel based on an occasional need, in the absence of a cold war environment and changing technology.

I do believe in unavoidable change. America's Military, both active and reserve needs to break out of the 20th Century.

Respectfully,

 6/23/05
James Bialek

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Henry J. ...
(A concerned Citizen)

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Joseph F. Kelly
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St. Mary of the Angels
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Williamsville, NY 14231-0275

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Please express your support for the recommendation to keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Susan M. [Signature]
(A concerned citizen)

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Robert D. Winer
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(A Concerned Citizen)

125 Harvey Avenue
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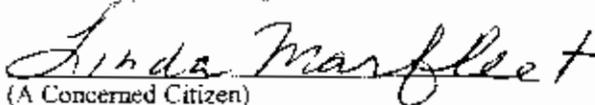
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Robert E. Stephenson
(A Concerned Citizen)

653-73rd street
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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Sincerely,

Mary Jo Boone

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Patricia Costello

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Michael H. Hughes
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Grace Gerbasi
(A Concerned Citizen)

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**BRAC Commission
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7/7/2005

June 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o ~~NIMAC~~
P.O. ~~Box 231~~
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove the Niagara Falls Base from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions, and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit was able to help rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves? You must also recognize:

- 1 The federal government has invested more than \$35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
- 2 Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- 3 Closure of the base eliminates the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- 4 Niagara Falls' existing infrastructure can accommodate eight (8) additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- 5 Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Christine Kobus

Name

60 Groton Dr Amherst N.Y.

Address (mandatory)

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June, 2005

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Sincerely,

J. J. Smith
(A Concerned Citizen)

4415 Clinton
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WEST SENECGA, NY 14224
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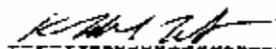
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Sincerely,



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Sincerely,

Ronald Spence
(A Concerned Citizen)

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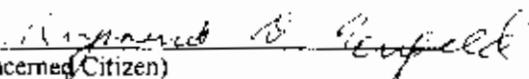
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Sincerely,


(A Concerned Citizen)

Raymond D. Newfield
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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and remove them from the closure list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missiles and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Justine Swartz
(A concerned Citizen)

Justine Swartz
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6/21/05

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Sincerely,

Carolina Brown
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Nan & Boone

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Carol Barone
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

Rockport, N.Y. 14094
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Sincerely,

JEFF SUMAZ

(A Concerned Citizen)

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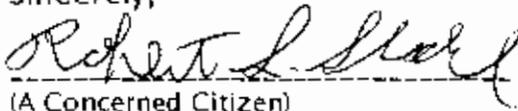
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Sincerely,



(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Muhammad Z. B. P.
(A Concerned Citizen)

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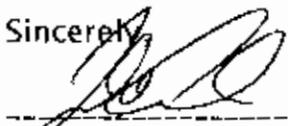
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Sincerely,



(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Sally C. Dolce

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Buffalo, N.Y. 14220-2254

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I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Jean M. Wallshauer

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Sincerely,

Ben J. Dolan

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Orchard Park, NY 14277

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Sincerely,

Archie L. Elliott

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Angela C. Elliott
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,



(A Concerned Citizen)

125 Harvey Avenue

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Sincerely,

Yvonne Williams
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Sincerely,

Robin E. Swartz

(A concerned Citizen)

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Attica, NY 14011

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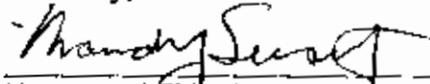
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Sincerely,

Samuel R. Dolan
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Mr. William B. Beyer
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

William Corentino

(A Concerned Citizen)

243 Fayette Avenue

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Buffalo, NY 14223

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P.S. The same jobs
will have to be relocated
if moved to a new location
and by, possibly, less
experienced personnel. . . .
What's the cost-savings?
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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Sister Lois Jean Hummel

July BRAC Commission
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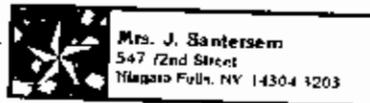
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Sincerely,

(Mrs) Julia F. Santerser

(A concerned Citizen)



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Judith M. Feldt
(a concerned Citizen)

5549 William Street
Lancaster, NY 14086

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June 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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(A concerned Citizen)



T. Paglia
84 Grandview Ln.
Rochester, NY 14612



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HONOR OUR
VETERANS
THEY GAVE THEIR ALL

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Sincerely,

Cathy J. Galvan
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22 June 2005

Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman
Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Admiral Gehman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attention to the delegation from Indiana during the recent BRAC Hearing in St. Louis. I hope that the testimony helped you realize the importance of Indiana Military installations, in particular NSWC Crane and CAAA, to our Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism. As a concerned taxpayer I support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. I also realize that you have a very difficult job in deciding which activities to re-align or close as part of the BRAC process.

I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not followed sound judgement in making some of it's recommendations. Data available on the DOD website (www.defenselink.mil/brac) indicates that it is going to cost \$150M to move the 152 people working on the ALQ-99 depot from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island. That equals a cost of nearly \$1M per person for the move. In addition, information available at the Federation of American Scientists website (www.fas.org) seems to indicate that the platform for the ALQ-99, the EA-6B Prowler, will begin to be retired from service in the year 2010. I find it hard to believe that it is in the best interest of the DOD and the taxpayers to spend \$150M to move 152 people doing work on a system that is about to be removed from service.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align the ALQ-99 work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into the costs involved in this re-alignment and the relatively short remaining service life of the equipment.

Very Respectfully,


Herman Roberts

**BRAC Commission
Received**

7/7/2005

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,

Harold M. Hamm

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Sincerely,

Deborah A. Berwick

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June, 2005

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Sincerely,

Andrea J. Falletta

(A concerned Citizen)

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Please note that the media are conveying to us that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

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Sincerely,

Maria Butler
(A concerned citizen)

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**BRAC Commission
Received**
7/7/2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Regarding: Removing Cannon AFB from the BRAC list

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I am very concerned about the Department of Defense's recommendation that Cannon Air Force Base should be closed.

I want to help make the Commission fully aware of the unique attributes that Cannon offers to our national defense. These include unencroached airspace suitable for training at supersonic speed, many new and existing facilities suitable for joint training exercises, and a low-cost environment that promotes cost-efficient training. Cannon is a real asset to the country's armed forces.

Whether or not Cannon's military value has been recognized yet in Washington, out here we really appreciate the base. The local community has been uniquely supportive, donating time and land to promote the base's needs. We have also welcomed the personnel. The many veterans in the area make it clear that they feel at home here. We consider Cannon and its retirees a part of our family.

The closure of Cannon will also have a devastating impact on our economy. It has been estimated that the area will lose at least 20 percent of its workforce, a percentage out of line with the effect of base closings in other communities. Cannon is critical for us.

I invite you to come personally to the Cannon hearing in Clovis. I ask you please to reconsider Cannon's importance to the nation and to my community. Please, let us KEEP CANNON!

Sincerely,



Employee at Cummins Natural Gas Engines, Clovis, NM

**BRAC Commission
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7/7/2005

The Honorable Lloyd Newton
BRAC Commission
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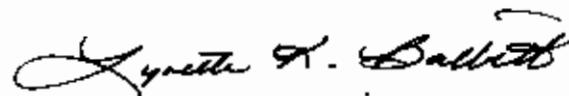
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PS. On a personal note, Cannon Air Force Base is a huge asset to the Clovis Community; closing it would be devastating to the community! Please reconsider the closure!

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June 27, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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It's no secret that closing the base would have a devastating economic impact on our region: The base is Niagara County's second-largest employer with more than 3,000 full- and part-time military and civilian and it has an estimated impact of \$150 million on regional businesses.

That said, it is also difficult to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases.

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Sincerely,

Scott Bieler
President
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**BRAC Commission
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7/7/2005

7/5/05

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Sincerely,

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(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Alicia Bellingham
(A Concerned Citizen)

1889 Pierce Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

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Sarah L. Dequise
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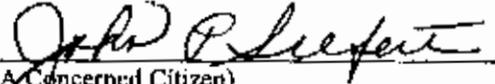
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(A Concerned Citizen)

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**P.S. PLEASE KEEP NIAGARA FALLS
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Christina Ball

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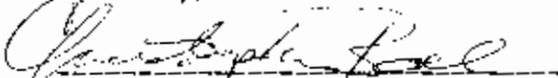
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Sincerely,

Sandra Hetcherian

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Denise M. Wood
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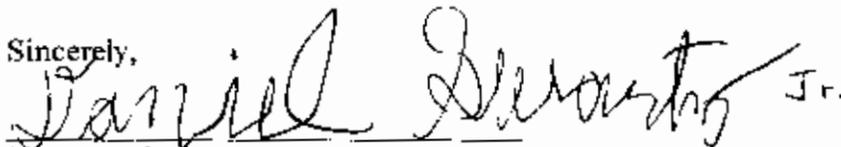
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Attica, NY 14011

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James Church
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Donna L. Church

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 12:40 PM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your TextBank form. It was submitted by Andrea Weber () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 12:40:00

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 5923 Westridge Court

city: Alexandria

state: Virginia

zip: 22310

comments: Strategic Air Refueling bridge for flights over the Atlantic. Closes air base to Canada. Location, location, location!

submit: Submit Petition

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May 2005

Hollie McCurry
1508 98th Street
Niagara Falls, New York 14304

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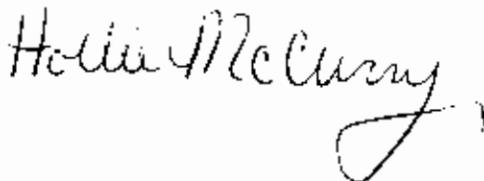
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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 12:40 PM

From:

To: info@nrmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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Zdzislaw Kanon (J) on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 12:40:35

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 2 Quakerlake Terrace

city: Orchard Park

state: New York

zip: 14127

comments: Better national security

submit: Submit Petition

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May 2005

Mariah McCurry
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Mariah E. McCurry



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 Jana Denczkowski () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 12:51:30

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
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address: 4320 Upper Mountain Rd

city: Barabara

state: New York

zip: 14132

comment: SAVE OUR BASE!!!

submit: Submit Petition

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Sincerely,



Debra L. D'Anniballe



Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 12:53 PM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jim Balaz () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 12:53:35

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 100 Hamilton

city: Keenecore

state: NY

zip: 14217

comments: Enter your own comments here.

subject: Submit Petition

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**GERALDINE A. ZAMBER
357 WARREN AVENUE
KENMORE, NEW YORK 14217**

May 20, 2005

BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NLMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

05272005

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Very truly yours,

Geraldine A. Zamber
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**Robert Barthel
709 Maple Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 12:58 PM

From:

To: info@nmac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Jaclyn Parboose (1) on Thursday, May 24, 2005 at 12:58:19.

placeloc: We oppose The Department of Defense commercialization of the The
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 1175 Brock Rd

city: Dundas

state: Ontario

zip: L9H5M4

comment: Write your own comment here.

subject: Subject Petition

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**Paul Robertson
630 - 35th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14301**

Kenneth J Coogan, CMSGT, USAF, (ret)
2562 Niagara Rd
Niagara Falls NY 14304

May 2005

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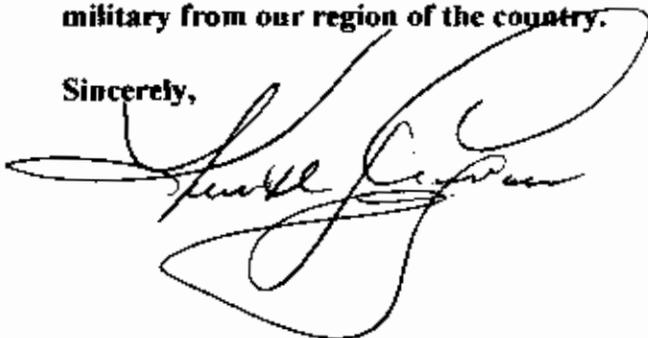
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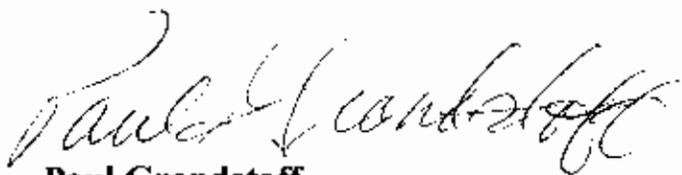
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**Paul Grandstaff
2236 Welch Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14303**

May 16, 2005

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**Lydia Ulatowski
1123 Escarpment Drive
Lewiston, NY 14092**

May 17, 2005

BRAC Commission
Washington, D.C.

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**Michael P. Lynch
2239 Katherine Drive
Niagara Falls, New York**

May 16, 2005

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**Stanley Zankowski
2236 Welch Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14303**

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**Karen Grandstaff
2236 Welch Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14303**

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 12:13 PM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Francis J. Isaacs II on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 12:13:24

address: 3497 Moyer Road

city: North Tonawanda

state: NY

zip: 14126

sender:

Chairman Anthony J. Principe
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington VA, 22202

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Sincerely,

Francis J. Isaacs

subject: Send Letter

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Debby LaMendola
144 Somerton Avenue
Kenmore, NY 14217
716-871-8980

www.marykay.com/dlamendola

Joette Cascia
4573 Sunset Dr.
Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 433-0560

May 2005

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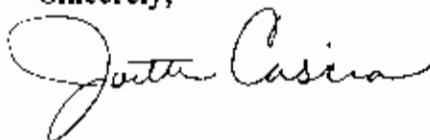
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Sincerely,

Roneta M. Marsh
Marsh General Store
Owner

Patrick D. Brown
984 Rankine Road
Niagara Falls, New York 14305

May 18, 2005

BRAC Commission
Washington DC,
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,



Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 11:03 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Geo-Ann County () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 11:03:45

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 1157 Lockport-Olcott Rd.

city: Newfane

state: NY

zip: 14138

comments: Our area is a potential target due to the power authorities. We need
more than what we have now, not less.

submit: Submit Petition

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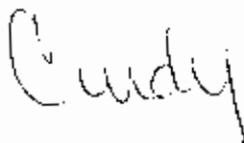
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**Cynthia Brodbeck
151 Buffalo Avenue #506
Niagara Falls, New York 14303**



Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 11:11 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Lisa A Koons (1) on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 11:11:51.

problem: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 253 Blackstone

city: Tonawanda

state: NY

zip: 14250

comments: Enter your own comments here.

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Beverly Barthel

**Beverly Barthel
709 Maple Avenue
Niagara Falls, NY 14305**

Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:29 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Denise Guin () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:29:00

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 197 Clewford Ave.

city: Buffalo

state: NY

zip: 14208

comment: Enter your own comments here.

subject: Submit Petition

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Date: Tuesday, May 24, 2005 10:28 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Suzanne Merrell () on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 at 10:20:30

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address1: 6964 Ridge Road

city: Gasport

state: New York

zip: 14507

comments: Enter your own comments here.

submit: Submit Petition

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May 2005

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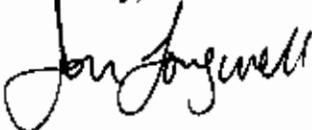
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Sincerely,



Jon Longwell
7217 Shawnee Rd.
N. Tonawanda, NY
14120

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Mrs. Jean A. Borgatti

Jean Borgatti
604 Briarwood Lane
Lewiston, NY 14092

P.S. (1) We need to protect

our border

(2) We have Power Project that provides electric power to many areas in Northwest Area (3) We have to protect N. East Coastline



Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 9:05 AM
From:
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by David Guter (1) on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 09:05:09

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 140 Valleybrook Lane

city: East Amherst

state: NY

zip: 14057

comments: As a POW I support this petition

submit: submit Petition

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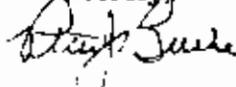
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Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 9:06 AM
From:
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Deborah Gerner () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 09:06:19



platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 1109 Swinney Street

05272005

city: North Tonawanda

state: New York

zip: 14120

comments: PLEASE KEEP OUR BASE OPEN!!

* WESTERN NEW YORK HAS MAINTAINED 100% BAKING RATES!

* NIAGARA FALLS AFB HAS BEEN MODERNIZED WITH \$35 MILLION IN NEW FACILITIES.

* WE SUPPORT OUR BASE AND DO NOT WANT TO SEE IT CLOSE!

submit: Submit Petition

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Susan M. Hayden
79 Marine Drive 10D
Buffalo, New York 14202

May 24, 2005

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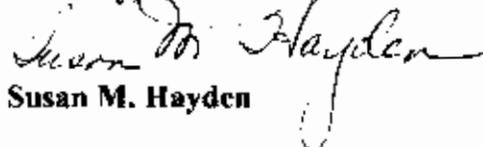
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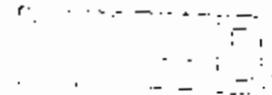
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Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 9:10 AM
From:
To: info@nrrnac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition



05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
 SUSIJOA BURNER () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 09:10:44

Platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendat on to close the
 Niagara Falls Air Base

Address: 25 CORPUS

city: TORAWANDA

state: NEW YORK

zip: 14150

comments: DO NOT CLOSE THE BASE.

I HAVE FRIENDS AND FAMILY EMPLOYED THERE!

CLOSING THE BASE WOULD HAVE A \$100 MILLION DOLLAR ECONOMIC IMPACT TO WESTERN NEW YORK BUSINESSES.

KEEP OUR BASE OPEN!

submit: Submit Petition

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May 2005

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BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

 Stephen J. Gold

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Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 9:11 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by
Judith E. Peuzon-Cocher () on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 09:11:16

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 6061 Edward Ave. Apt. 6

city: Buffalo

state: New York

zip: 14108

comments: The air base is necessary for our National security. It is not only
on the border but is in a vital position to protect area power plants not only
in Western New York but also the Niagara Falls Ontario Power Plant.

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Sherlyn A. Kolke
40 Shure Drive S.
E. Amherst, NY 14051

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Sincerely,

Sherlyn A. Kolke



Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 9:23 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Patricia Lee Bohring (1) on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 09:23:08

address: 100 Tuscarora Street

city: Lewiston

state: New York

zip: 14092

comments:
Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 507
Arlington VA, 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is a threat to the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and to remove Niagara Falls from the closure list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put the on more costly Active Duty bases.

Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant and longer in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,
Patricia Lee Bohring

Attachments: Send Letter

Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 9:14 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition

05272005

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by MARGARET GUNNER (1) on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 09:14:08

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 1109 SWERNEY STREET

city: NORTH TONAWANDA

state: NEW YORK

zip: 14120

comments: OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTS THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION. WE CURRENTLY HAVE MEN & WOMEN DEPLOYED AND MAY HAVE MORE OF OUR DEDICATED SOLDIERS DEPLOYING LATER THIS YEAR. WE HAVE OVER A 100% MARCHING RATE. OUR FINE MEMBERS OF THE 304TH AIRLIFT WING MAKE US PROUD! DO NOT CLOSE OUR BASE!!!

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Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 9:18 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Deborah Cheryl Weich on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 10:18:17

address: 320 Tenth Street

city: Niagara Falls

state: New York

zip: 14301

comments:

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington VA, 22202

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Also, how will the Department defend the region, or will the Guard respond to man made or natural disasters, when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Deborah C. Weich

Account: Send Letter

Hector & Mary Santiago
3815 Howard Road
Hamburg, New York 14075

May 23, 2005

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Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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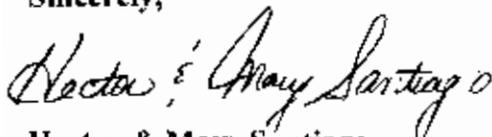
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Sincerely,



Hector & Mary Santiago



Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2005 9:22 AM

From:

To: info@nimac.org

Subject: Niagara Air Base Petition



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Katherine Lee Bohring on Wednesday, May 25, 2005 at 09:02:04

platform: We oppose the Department of Defense recommendation to close the
Niagara Falls Air Base

address: 100 Tuscarora Street

city: Lewiston

state: New York

zip: 14093

comments: Enter your own comments here.

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Elmer D. Forsey
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Niagara Falls, NY 14304

May 2005

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Sincerely,

Elmer Forsey

Jamie L. Stauffer
232-76th Street
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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Sincerely,

Jamie Stauffer

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
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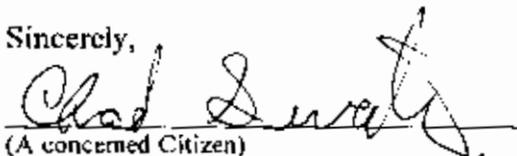
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Sincerely,


(A concerned Citizen)

1698 Nesbit Rd.
Attica N.Y. 14011
Chad Swartz

**BRAC Commission
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7/7/2005

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Attica, NY 14011

Daniel Swartz Sr.

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