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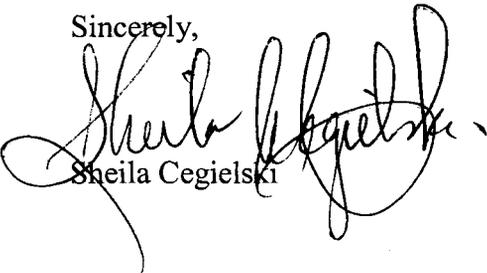
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Cathy Johns
United Space Alliance

July 12, 2005

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HERE TO ALSO PROTECT THE
JOHNSON SPACE CENTER AND
ASTRONAUT TRAINING FACILITIES AT
ELLINGTON. SECURITY CANNOT
BE COMPROMISED!

Lorin O. Lovfald
LORIN O. LOVFALD
COL, USAF(R) (RET)

Base: Ellington Field Air Guard Station (147th Fighter Wing)

State: Texas

Please reconsider the proposed realignment of the 147th FW Texas Air National Guard at Ellington Field in Houston. Houston is much too large to not have its own squadron.

With millions of people, oil refineries, and the Houston Ship Channel, a couple jets from another unit on station are not enough to protect this vast metropolitan area. The 147th has protected Houston and its surroundings for a very long time, and I would feel less safe it was to be realigned. Please take this into consideration. I know I'm not alone when I say that the Ellington Field Air Guard Station needs to stay. It is a vital part of Houston's safety.

Sincerely,

Mason Locke

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