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The Honorable Samuel Knox Skinner  
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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the Return On Investment requirements of BRAC law.

Very Respectfully,



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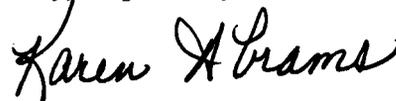
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I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not properly followed the law in developing recommendations. DOD is required to give priority consideration to installations that have a high military value ranking. Data available on the DOD website ([www.defenselink.mil/brac](http://www.defenselink.mil/brac)) leads me to conclude that NSWC Crane's military value rating was not taken into account properly, which is a violation of BRAC law. Specifically, NSWC Crane has one of the highest military value ratings of all activities performing Electronic Warfare work, including a higher rating than NAS Whidbey Island and yet it is recommended that Electronic Warfare workload related to repair of the ALQ-99 system be re-aligned from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island.

The DOD is also required to take into account the return on investment resulting from its closure/re-alignment recommendations. In reviewing the cost data that is available on the E-Library at the BRAC Commission website ([www.brac.gov](http://www.brac.gov)) I have come to the conclusion that moving the ALQ-99 Electronic Warfare workload to NAS Whidbey Island does not result in any cost savings. It appears that all of the savings in this scenario are generated by re-aligning work within Whidbey Island and moving work from North Island, CA to Whidbey Island. In other words this scenario will save DOD even more money if the NSWC Crane portion is eliminated!

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the Military Value and Return On Investment requirements of BRAC law.

Very Respectfully,



27 July 2005

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Subject: Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)

The BRAC list that was released May 13, 2005, which recommends closing the Air National Guard's 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield, Ohio, is the wrong thing to do. In its 300 year history the National Guard has been the backbone of our nation's defense. With the current Global War on Terror and the ongoing operations for the liberation of Iraq this is more evident now than ever. The National Guard is currently providing the lion's share of personnel, equipment, and experience in these conflicts and the 179<sup>th</sup> AW is no exception.

The 179<sup>th</sup> AW has been very active in the current conflicts. As of April of 2005 the 179<sup>th</sup> AW had flown 2650 combat sorties for a total of 3957 hours, they have carried 34,980 combat troops and 5569 tons of essential war supplies. And these numbers are increasing everyday. Currently the 179<sup>th</sup> has airplanes deployed to Uzbekistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF), support personnel in Europe in support of the Global War on Terror, security police deployed for Homeland Defense, and many other members scattered around the globe in defense of our nation.

Any and all help you can provide in this matter is greatly appreciated. If there is any assistance or information you may require in the fight to keep this unit open please do not hesitate to call me at (419)610-3774.

Thank you for your help,



Matthew J. Yost