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Anthony Principi
Chairman, 2005 Defense Base Closure
& Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St.
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

I am writing you today to urge you keep all of the F-15's of the 142nd Fighter Wing, Oregon Air National Guard, in Portland.

I believe that the terrorist threat to our nation is real. The Portland Air National Guard base is strategically located to keep our Pacific Northwest safe. Not only do the Reserve and National Guard units provide vital protection as important contributors to the war on terror, these soldiers also cost less than full-time soldiers and are the best bargain for taxpayers.

We must not become complacent, but watchful and wary of future attacks. I am thankful for the brave servicemen and women in Oregon's Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard units who dedicate their lives to protect the Northwest.

I urge you to retain this base here in Portland. Our lives may depend on it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Chairman Principi-

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I am writing as a concerned citizen, ^{6/17/2005} I ask you first of all to please forgive the hasty nature of this hand-written note. Though it may appear to be informal & sloppy, I assure you that I write it with utmost sincerity.

Please do everything in your power to keep & maintain the 142nd Fighter Wing of the Oregon Air National Guard! I have heard through local newspapers & citizens that the BRAC Commission, of which you are chairman, have debated whether or not to dismantle that unit. The characteristics of the Pacific Northwest make it a very attractive place to stage a terrorist plot, and by moving/removing the 142nd, we send a clearer message that we aren't concerned ~~for~~ about such schemes.

Again, please forgive my candor. Please also consider my plea. Our citizens deserve protection, and as a lifelong resident of this area, I will speak loudly & clearly on their behalf. I presume you are willing to do the same?

Yours truly,

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