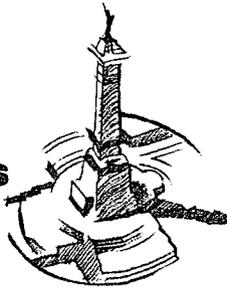


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The Hon. Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
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Dear Chairman Principi:

Thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to meet with my staff and me last week to discuss the vital importance of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) to the City of Indianapolis. I hope you will also extend my thanks and appreciation to Ms. Marilyn Wasleski of your staff for her valuable insight and perspective regarding the consolidation of DFAS facilities around the country.

I strongly support the Department of Defense's recommendations outlined in the May 13<sup>th</sup> Base Closure and Realignment report as it relates to the consolidation of DFAS business line functions in Indianapolis. I want to offer you and your colleagues every assurance that the City of Indianapolis, the City of Lawrence and the State of Indiana are working collectively to accommodate the significant growth projected for DFAS-Indianapolis. As soon as I returned to Indianapolis late last Friday, my staff and I immediately began working to address the concerns your staff expressed regarding adequate parking, space reconfiguration, human capital availability and facility set-back requirements.

We look forward to showcasing the MG Emmett J. Bean Federal Center and our great city next week when Commissioners Skinner and Newton visit Indianapolis. We intend to effectively address the above issues, and further demonstrate that Indianapolis has the great quality of life, skilled workforce and world-class educational institutions that will help the Pentagon attract the best talent to DFAS-Indy.

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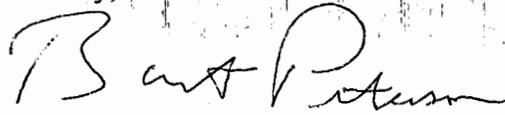
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As you continue your important work, please know how grateful I am for your personal attention to this matter and for your continued service to our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bart Peterson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Bart Peterson  
Mayor

cc: Ms. Marilyn Wasleski