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The Honorable James V. Hansen, Commissioner
2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Commissioner Hansen,

I'm writing to express my strong support for the Department of Defense's 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to retain the California Air National Guard's 129th Rescue Wing at Moffett Federal Airfield in Santa Clara County, California, and to activate a new U.S. Army Reserve Southwest Regional Readiness Command headquarters at Moffett.

The Pentagon's recommendation represents an accurate reflection of the strategic and regional importance of Moffett Federal Airfield as a critical component within our regional and national homeland security and defense capability. A study by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) determined the Moffett Field Airstrip is the only runway in the Bay Area capable of surviving an 8.0 magnitude earthquake, a factor which compelled FEMA to locate a major facility housing disaster preparedness equipment and supplies for the entire region at Moffett's secure Federal Airfield. By recommending the 129th remain headquartered at Moffett and creating a new consolidated Army Reserve headquarters on the Airfield, the Pentagon has taken a critically important step toward dramatically improving our existing capability to prepare for and mitigate threats to our safety and security throughout the Western United States.

I'm pleased to support this recommendation and I look forward to the opportunity to personally welcome the men and women of the Army Reserve to their new home at Moffett Federal Airfield.

Sincerely,

Anna G. Eshoo
Member of Congress