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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman, 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi;

First let me congratulate you on being selected to chair the 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission. I feel confident that you and the other members of the commission will do what they feel is the best action for the future of the Department of Defense.

This Chamber of Commerce has been very active and supportive of the Dayton Development Coalition WP 2010 Committee, which is the organization representing the Dayton Region. I might add that this group of professionals are very knowledgeable in all phases of DoD installations in the Dayton area and the missions of the various organizations.

This group takes every BRAC recommendation very seriously and reviews them in detail, with an open mind. The Dayton Region Recommendations are based on facts.

I am a retired Air Force Command Chief, having spent nineteen of my 28 years in service at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. I was Senior Enlisted Advisor to the Installation Commander the last 9 years of my career. My long tenure at WPAFB gave me the opportunity to become quite familiar with the many organizations on the installation and the multitude of missions, including Aeronautical Systems Center, where I spent 4 years, the Aerospace Research Laboratory (now the Air Force Research Laboratory) where I spent 4 years and where I worked very closely with AFIT in selecting AFIT graduates for assignment to ARL to perform research in their scientific fields of study.

We feel that the Dayton Region recommendations are well founded and offer the best solutions when compared to the BRAC recommendations. Therefore, this Chamber is in full agreement with the Dayton Region recommendations and unanimously endorse each one of them. We, of course, don't want to see anything moved from WPAFB.

We ask that the Commissioners review the recommendations in detail and hopefully determine that WPAFB should be a receiver and not a giver in the matters involving WPAFB.

Thank you for serving in a very challenging position and we wish you and the Commission successful results.

Sincerely;


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