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The Honorable Anthony Principi
Chairman
Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Secretary Principi:

On behalf of the more than 600,000 federal employees represented by the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO (AFGE), including 250,000 civilian employees in the Department of Defense (DoD), I am writing to ask your assistance in securing for me and four other leaders of our union, the opportunity to testify at the June 20 hearing of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) in San Antonio, Texas. I am contacting you directly because our organization's efforts to go through the BRAC Commission's normal procedures for being placed on the witness list have so far not been successful.

AFGE represents approximately 24,000 DoD civilian workers in Texas. We have a direct interest in the Commission's decisions to eliminate or move civilian DoD jobs and functions. Our testimony offers the Commission a unique perspective that will not be represented by other witnesses.

This request is for myself, as well as the following AFGE leaders:

Mr. Rogelio A. Flores, National Vice President
American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO
(210) 735-8900

Mr. Flores represents 24,000 DoD employees in Texas, along with federal employees in other Executive Branch agencies. Mr. Flores also represents federal employees in Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, and Panama.

Ms. Rita Spalding-Moore, President
AFGE Local 1367
Lackland Air Force Base
(210) 391-7464

Ms. Spalding-Moore represents 1,766 DoD civilian employees at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas which is slated to lose 1,223 jobs under BRAC.

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Mr. W. D. Whiting, President
AFGE Local 1757
Brooks City Base
(210) 536-5304

Mr. Whiting represents 450 DoD civilian employees at Brooks City Base in San Antonio, Texas which is slated to lose 1,268 jobs under BRAC.

Ms. Yolanda Villegas, President
AFGE Local 1022
Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) in San Antonio, Texas
(210) 527-8452

Ms. Villegas represents 415 DFAS employees in San Antonio, Texas which is slated to lose 303 jobs under BRAC.

I greatly appreciate your intervention to assure that the representatives of DoD civilian employees who may be affected by BRAC be given the opportunity to testify at the San Antonio field hearing. If you have any questions, please call Jacqueline Simon in AFGE's National Office at 202-639-6408. I look forward to hearing from you and to being able to testify before the Commission at the June 20th hearing in San Antonio.

Sincerely yours,



John Gage
National President