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Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
 2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
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Dear Secretary Principi,

The Air Force Institute of Technology, located at Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, is an essential key to our region's identity. Over the years the Institution has grown and developed as part of the fiber of our region. The military personnel studying at the Institution live in our communities, bringing a rich dimension to our quality of life. We are grateful for the benefits of their presence. In response we are a strong civilian support system to this operation here in the Greater Dayton Region.

Our region is actively cooperating to improve depressed economic conditions in our area. The continuation of AFIT here is essential to that effort. Many of AFIT's graduates continue to live and work in the area, making it vital to the Region's growth and stability.

I urge you to finalize BRAC plans with AFIT remaining at Wright-Patterson AFB.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Judy Cook'.

Judy Cook
 Mayor

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cc: Commissioner Marilyn Reid, Greene County Commission