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BRAC Commission

Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Mr. Principi:

The City of Columbus stands united in our commitment to serving as a partner with the City of Whitehall, the Federal Government, the Department of Defense and the dedicated men and women of the Defense Supply Center Columbus (DSCC) and its tenant, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS). This is one of America's premiere facilities, and offers important services to all those serving our nation in the Armed Forces.

In May, we were proud to hear that the Department of Defense recognized both the success and the potential of DSCC, as a modern facility outfitted to complete its mission with some 6,160 Central Ohioans on staff. We were also pleased at the proposal to add significant jobs to this base from national consolidations. Today, we are highly concerned about the re-examination by the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission of DFAS Columbus and the potential loss of 2,000 jobs at that office. Yet, we remain optimistic as a community that the DSCC is in a very competitive position to continue its mission and will continue to be well regarded by BRAC officials.

DSCC is a high-quality joint installation, serving several Defense agencies with complementary missions beneficial to DFAS. DSCC is among the best sites in the nation and offers unique operational benefits by being co-located with so many Department of Defense agencies.

Building partnerships that work is the hallmark of our Central Ohio community, and that is how we continue to build Columbus as America's 21st Century City. While this base may sit outside of the City's border, we are committed to regional success and to the employees and families of DSCC. We look forward to speaking further with your team as you continue the important BRAC process.

Thank you,

Michael B. Coleman
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