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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Commissioners:

As a regional partner with the NSWC Crane base, the City of Madison, Indiana, benefits greatly from the contributions of the economic development impact derived from the work accomplished there. Southern Indiana would be adversely affected by the transfer of jobs to another location. It is my understanding that to do so would also be more costly and inefficient for the United States as well.

Our community has experience with a base closure, with the decommissioning of the Jefferson Proving Ground several years ago. The economic impact to our region was not adequately considered at that time by the BRAC. The city of Madison and Jefferson County were essentially eliminated from the decision about the disposition of JPG land. We hope that the concerns of the community around the base will be addressed in your consideration of the future of Crane.

Thank you for this opportunity to express the position of the City of Madison in regard to the realignment of NSWC Crane. We appreciate the amount of public participation invited in this round of closures and realignments.

Sincerely,

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