

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

BRAC Commission

APR 20 2005

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's <sup>received</sup> recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the reserves?

Also, how will the Department defend the region? Will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,  
*William T. DeBata* (VIETNAM VETERAN)  
(A Concerned Citizen)  
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NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. 14304-1104

"REMEMBER PEARL  
HARBOR"  
DONOT ASSIGN ALL  
THE EGGS IN ONE  
BASKET!

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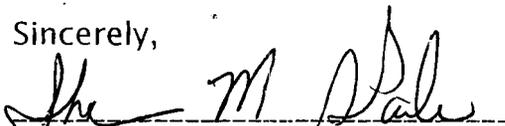
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Sincerely,



(A Concerned Citizen)

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Niagara Falls NY 14301  
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and remove them from the closure list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

John A. Shaw  
(A concerned Citizen)

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BATAVIA, NY. 14020-1132

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Sincerely,

Jack DePadre

(A Concerned Citizen)

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5153 Dana Drive  
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It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Please note that the media are conveying to us that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during wartime. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Please, overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

*Louisa J. Sherwin* 8/2/05  
(A concerned Citizen)

*5153 Dana Drive*  
(Address)

*Lewiston, NY 14092*  
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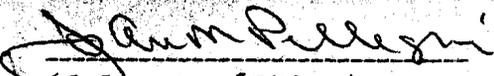
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Sincerely,

*Stephanie Nemec and Steven Jenks*  
(A Concerned Citizen)

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*Marilyn L. Sliger*  
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

*Mary Zawoluk*  
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(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

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(A Concerned Citizen)

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