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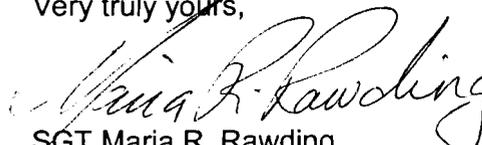
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Resolution in Support of Otis Air National Guard Base

Dear BRAC Commission:

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter. My name is SGT Maria Rawding and I am a full time technician at the Army Aviation Support Facility #1. I am, also, attached to HQ Camp Edwards militarily. I have a toddler that attends day care on post and I am a resident of Coast Guard housing. I tell you this because I rely on Otis ANGB for my livelihood. I guess you could say my situation is unique. I am in the Army National Guard but we share our flight line with the Air Guard. If we do not have the Air Guard to maintain our flight line I don't know what we would do. I cannot afford day care off post and rely on the Coast Guard Child Development Center to watch my son while I am at work. The Air Guard helps maintain the Coast Guard Housing area. I had to sell my house and move on post because my husband is a new business owner and there were times when he could not bring home a pay check. I rely on my military job and the base housing to be able to feed and shelter my son. I understand these are not facts that support your decision but I feel the need to let you know the affect it will have on my family.

Very truly yours,



SGT Maria R. Rawding
Employee and Resident of Otis

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July 28, 2005

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2521 South Clark Street
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RE: Opposition of closing Otis Air National Guard Base Bourne, MA

Dear BRAC Commission:

Otis ANG Base is an integral and valued part of the entire Cape Cod region. Most importantly, the military missions it fulfills are of utmost importance to the safety and protection of the United States, in general, and the Northeast, in particular.

Otis ANG Base and F-15s from the 102nd Fighter Wing were the first military aircraft to reach the World Trade Center during the September 11, 2001 attacks. They regularly provide a myriad of military and homeland security functions, as well as vital support to the U.S. Coast Guard at Air Station Cape Cod, one of the busiest installations in the country. Otis ANG Base is the host installation for all of the military and homeland security operations at the MMR, including U.S. Army Guard training at Camp Edwards and numerous Coast Guard operations. It is clear the loss of Otis would severely damage the shared infrastructure and resources currently found on the MMR.

Another particular concern is the vulnerability of our nuclear power facilities on the east coast and how timely those can be protected in the event of attack.

The citizens of the entire east coast plead with the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove Otis ANG Base from the list of military installations being considered for closure and/or realignment. Simply put, Otis ANG Base is too important for our nation's security and homeland defense to be relocated.

Thank you for your consideration of this input.

Regards,
Elinor Vacchino & family
Plymouth, MA

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Dear Mr. Principi,

I am a 79 year old woman who ~~has~~ has been living in Marion, Mass. for over 40 years.

I have always ~~been~~ been proud that the 102nd Fighter Wing at Otis has been patrolling the skies here in the Northeast. They are one of the top fighter wings in the entire Air National Guard. Why take them away?

In case you haven't heard; ~~It was~~ they were among the first on the scene on 9/11!!

The Pentagon's plan to close their base is a serious mistake / against homeland defense as well as its economic value to the area. \$82.3 million!

✓ Please do everything in your power to stop this from happening.

I hereby vehemently oppose this action by the Pentagon. Listened to the wisdom of the people who live here.

Yours respectfully,

Virginia L. Barry
40 Pleasant Street
Marion, MA 02738



Mon. Aug 1, 2005
To Whom It May Concern
Am very un happy to hear
that they want to close
Ollie, and at this time of
distress, can hardly believe
that they really want to
close other bases as well.
my husband Sgt Clinton H. Huff
was a survivor of Pearl Harbor
and Iolands, he was a 21 MC
he past away Sept 2, 1999 at the
R.I. Veterans Home in Bristol
R.I. he use to live in Mass
as a young fellow he'd be
very die heart about any there
closing, please don't do
this.

Support Our Troops ~ Remember Our Veterans