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Aug 1, 2005

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Thank you,

Jerry Calvert Vicki L Calvert
703 Johnson Lane
Bedford, IN 47421

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08 July 2005

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The Honorable Samuel Knox Skinner
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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Commissioner Skinner,

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I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not properly followed the law in developing recommendations. The DOD is required to take into account the return on investment resulting from its closure/re-alignment recommendations. Crane has become a one-stop shop for specialized weapons for our Special Forces Warfighters. Crane did this by being responsive, innovative, technically superior and affordable for these outstanding soldiers. As our reputation for delivering what the customer needed, when it was needed, at a cost that was affordable, more work was brought to us. The proposal to the commission to realign work to China Lake and Picatinny will now split the support to special forces to different locations. This will add cost, reduce efficiency and cause a loss in intellectual capital that could take years to replace.

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Very Respectfully,



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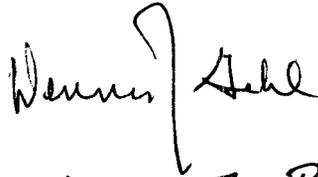
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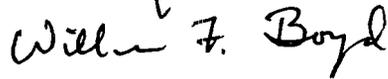
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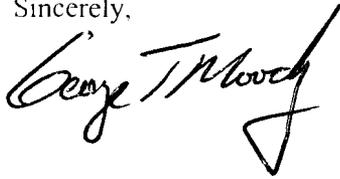
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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Commissioner Skinner,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent visit to NSWC Crane, CAAA and Southern Indiana. As a concerned taxpayer, I do indeed support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. As an employee of the Small Arms/Weapons Division of NSWC Crane, I have the opportunity to work with our military daily; I take this responsibility personally. My job is important to me, not just for the salary I receive, but because "the military" has names and faces, those who I am pleased to serve every single day.

I have many concerns about the proposed BRAC changes. When RADM Lengerich (of NAVSEA) was here in June to address "affected personnel", there were issues brought to our attention where I believe many have been misled. The work in my division is proposed to go to Picatenny Arsenal. I asked RADM Lengerich directly, "Sir, after hearing your views on the proposed BRAC changes, I am under the impression that NAVSEA believes many of the 672+ personnel affected by the BRAC process will pick up and move to New Jersey. I do not believe that to be true. I myself, have elderly parents, an elderly mother-in-law, a married daughter with grandchildren, a freshman enrolled at the University of Southern Indiana and a senior in high school. My family comes first, I will not move away from them, nor will I uproot them to move. I have 60 beautiful acres of rolling hills and woods with a home we built with our own hands which I would never give up for a high priced average home in New Jersey on a spot of land. Does NAVSEA and DOD honestly believe that our war fighter will receive the same service and support from Picatenny as they currently receive from the experienced personnel at Crane?" His response, as if he hadn't heard a word I said was "Yes, because you're going to move with the job". And I was forced to reply, "Sir, I'm not going anywhere". I did not say that to be disrespectful in any way. But it seems that many have the false impression that as a whole, most of the affected personnel at Crane will move with the jobs...that is simply untrue. My guess would be that 95% of these people will never move an inch. Years and years of experience and expertise will be lost. I myself will soon have 24 years of service, almost entirely in small arms. I would suggest that the BRAC Commission ask our men and women in service how they feel about moving the small arms work to Picatenny. I have spoken to many about it in recent weeks including personnel at Military Sealift Command and NAVAIR and I feel certain the response you would receive from our Navy and Special Forces would be a resounding "No...leave the work at Crane".

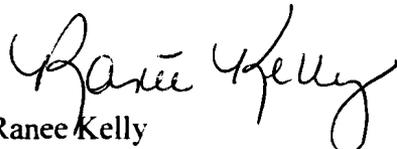
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It seems that our biggest advantage, our remote location with plenty of room for growth, has become our biggest drawback. RADM Lengerich mentioned several times that one of the main objectives of BRAC was to move work towards each coast. I do understand that there must be at least some concern about shipping costs due to the amount of products we send out from Crane every single day. My job is to manage the Navy's small arms allowances as set forth by NAVSEA. In the process, every single requisition for a small arm, weapon or mount crosses my desk. I validate each and every one according to guidelines set forth in the NAVSEAINST 8370.2A and as directed by my sponsor, the Program Executive Office, Littoral and Mine Warfare, Code PMS LMW. Each requisition is either approved or rejected. I love my job and I take it very seriously. I am familiar with the costs involved to get an M16A3 Rifle to Iraq or a MK93 Mount to Ingleside, Texas. If the Commission wishes to see a significant cost savings, I suggest looking at the charges we, the Navy, pay to individual trucking firms and air transport for transit of small arms/weapons/mounts. I believe the Navy would do well to look at the possible savings available in shipping their own products. One load of small arms to the East Coast (Norfolk) and one load of small arms to the West Coast (San Diego) from Crane each week. Each truck could return to Crane with the weapons turned in for replacement/repair at each FISC. Overseas shipments could then be scheduled out of Norfolk and San Diego on a weekly basis. This is just one of the ways I believe we could save a significant amount of money, DOD wide.

In closing, allow me to say that I do believe there are many, many ways we can bring cost savings to the military and specifically to Crane. I was raised to be frugal, one of my Father's favorite sayings is "it isn't what you make that makes you rich, it's what you save"...how true that is. My Dad just turned 88 this last week, he lived through hard times and was hungry often as a child. My Mom still washes her Baggies and aluminum foil for crying out loud! ☺ Indeed, I know we are a wasteful people. However, I sincerely believe that the proposed changes will not produce the savings and streamlining we need. There are better avenues to achieve our goals that will not affect the readiness of our warfighter. I believe with all my heart that our Navy and Special Forces personnel deserve our best and I believe that is what they receive from us here at Crane.

Thank you for your time. I am pleased to serve as a civilian employee of our Navy. I recently visited the USS ARIZONA memorial in Hawaii...what a humbling experience that was. Every day, our sons and daughters lay down their lives for us. If the Lord is willing, I hope to continue to serve them many more years. I am 48 years old and as far as I know, in good health. Nothing excites me any more than being able to speak with and help some young sailor. I am so proud of them. I hope that the BRAC Commission will take an honest look at the work we do, the services we provide and agree that our Navy will be best served by those here at Crane.

Very Respectfully,


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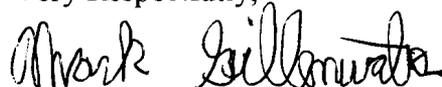
Dear Admiral Gehman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attention to the delegation from Indiana during the recent BRAC Hearing in St. Louis. I hope that the testimony helped you realize the importance of Indiana Military installations, in particular NSWC Crane and CAAA, to our Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism. As a concerned taxpayer I support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. I also realize that you have a very difficult job in deciding which activities to re-align or close as part of the BRAC process.

I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not followed sound judgement in making some of its recommendations. Data available on the DOD website (www.defenselink.mil/brac) indicates that it is going to cost \$150M to move the 152 people working on the ALQ-99 depot from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island. That equals a cost of nearly \$1M per person for the move. In addition, information available at the Federation of American Scientists website (www.fas.org) seems to indicate that the platform for the ALQ-99, the EA-6B Prowler, will begin to be retired from service in the year 2010. I find it hard to believe that it is in the best interest of the DOD and the taxpayers to spend \$150M to move 152 people doing work on a system that is about to be removed from service.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align the ALQ-99 work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into the costs involved in this re-alignment and the relatively short remaining service life of the equipment.

Very Respectfully,



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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to express my serious concerns with the Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) recommendations that you are currently reviewing. It is recommended that the Crane Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center have 672 jobs realigned to other activities.

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division has a long history of supporting our nation's Warfighters dating back to the start of World War II in 1941. Crane has demonstrated the ability to evolve to meet the challenging and changing needs of the men and women that wear the uniform of the United States of America. Crane's employees are skilled and highly trained to provide the necessary support today and are engaged in preparing for the future Defense of our Country.

The commitment required to provide such support is in large part due to the sense of ownership Crane's employees feel about Crane and their pride in service and workmanship. Many of the employees are veterans who have supported their country through military service and have elected to return to work as civil servants or support contractors. Many employees possess technical degrees with vast knowledge and experience and have chosen to stay in the workplace past their retirement age due to their dedication to the country during this time of war and threat of terrorism. Crane's recognition as a leader in technical areas has allowed it to recruit new employees, providing the skills, knowledge, and abilities to support the current and the future warfighter.

As highlighted in the BRAC guidance, Military Value is an important criteria being used to determine where work should be performed. Many installations that are scheduled to receive work from realignments scored lower than Crane in Military Value. This concerns me, as it appears that the recommendations concerning Crane stray from the stated evaluation criteria.

Another important BRAC goal is to facilitate Joint operations. Crane is already Joint, with Crane Army Ammunition Activity and the Naval Surface Warfare Center. The two organizations work jointly on numerous tasks related to ordnance and pyrotechnics.

Other factors considered in the BRAC were environmental impact and economic impact to the local community. Crane has no environmental issues and is an exceptional neighbor. Crane is so critical to the economic health of the state that Indiana recently enacted P.L. 5-2005, the Military Base Protection Act, protecting Crane from development that would adversely impact its critical missions and preventing future encroachment. The impact of Crane to the immediate surrounding area is even more acute with Crane accounting for over 30% of the direct wages in Martin County.

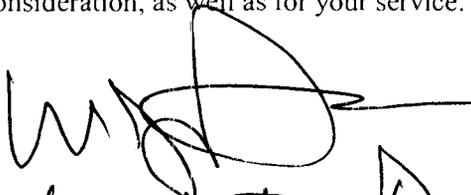
In summary, Crane truly exemplifies the BRAC criteria of Military Value - rapidly providing innovative, best value solutions to our nation's Warfighters. This high level of service has attracted the most demanding customers from across DoD, including USSOCOM, Navy Strategic Systems, as well as US Army and US Air Force Special Operations Commands. Crane's commitment to superior service and value has kept these customers coming back, allowing for the creation of a Joint, multi-functional set of capabilities that is unequalled in the Department of Defense (DoD).

I understand that during the hearings before your commission in St Louis that the State of Indiana presented alternatives to the current DoD recommendations. These alternatives, if accepted by

the Commission, would provide greater military value, greater return on investment and less risk as well as reducing the negative economic impact of losing nearly 700 positions. I hope that you will take these thoughts into consideration as you go about the difficult decisions on what will be best for the Department of Defense and this great Country. I most strongly support our fellow Hoosiers at Crane and their dedication to our Warfighter's mission and significant contribution to the Global War on Terror.

Thanks for your consideration, as well as for your service.

Sincerely,



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