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

Dear Mr. Principi:

Please consider this as a letter of support from the Whitehall City Schools for Team DSCC, a group of business, government and community leaders that support the retention and expansion of the twenty-three agencies currently located at DSCC. Our community's installation is a superior Department of Defense installation with modern buildings and security facilities.

Because the Department of Defense recommendations for DSCC have not fully utilized the excess capacity present in this installation, the commission should not consider only retaining the proposed DFAS realignment to DSCC but should consider bringing additional missions to this installation.

Over the past decade, DFAS has strengthened DFAS Columbus's role as the lead center for the agency's commercial pay operations. Consolidation of other commercial and vendor pay activities to Columbus would be consistent with the effort of DFAS over the past several years to reorganize and compact the operations of the agency.

Our school district strongly supports DSCC and all of the missions that are located at the installation.

We urge the Department of Defense to strongly consider all of the benefits of not only maintaining but expanding these operations in Columbus.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

WHITEHALL CITY SCHOOLS

Judyth Dobbert-Meloy
Superintendent

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