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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you may know, the City of Fort Worth was established as an Army outpost in 1849. Thus, the very establishment of our community was directly linked to the military – a relationship that has continued to this very day.

We are very proud of our military heritage and we wanted you to know how pleased we are that the Department of Defense (DOD) has recommended the placement of additional personnel and flying units at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base, Fort Worth, Carswell Field.

I understand the incredible time constraints that you are under in order to meet the deadline for submission of the BRAC Commission's report to the President on time. Mindful of this, we elected not to seek time to speak before the Commission during the regional hearing in San Antonio in July. Rest assured, representatives of our community and my staff were there in order to be available to you and your staff should the need have arisen at that time. We believe DOD was correct in determining that NAS JRB, Fort Worth's military value in joint training/war fighting, cost savings to the taxpayer and the recruiting demographics of our region are to result in the expansion of our mission should you ratify its recommendations.

Additionally, I am also enclosing a copy of correspondence from the North Central Texas Council of Governments (COG) which clearly shows that we can absorb additional flying units at NAS JRB, Fort Worth, while continuing to successfully manage the region's commitment to maintaining air quality improvement goals. As you can see, the community has been, and remains committed to, managing this important issue, particularly as it relates to the possibility of additional aircraft being assigned to NAS JRB, Fort Worth.

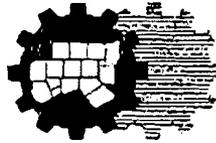
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Thank you once again for your service in addressing one of the most important issues we face as a nation face – the future of our military force structure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kay Granger', written in a cursive style.

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Member of Congress

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North Central Texas Council Of Governments

July 7, 2005

The Honorable Kay Granger
United States House of Representatives
435 Cannon HOB
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Granger:

The North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), serving as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan Area, conducts air quality related analyses, including air quality conformity and air quality planning. By way of this letter, I want to assure you and others that expansion of flight operations at Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) Fort Worth are accounted for in our regional air quality planning efforts.

Since our latest correspondence to you on December 1, 2004, the Dallas-Fort Worth region has been found in compliance of the new small particulate standard, the 1-hour ozone standard has been revoked, and our ozone classification has been lowered to 'Moderate' under the new 8-hour ozone standard. Our region received a positive air quality conformity finding on June 16, 2005. We expect to be in compliance with the 8-hour ozone standard by the Environmental Protection Agency designated attainment date of June 15, 2010.

Because of its importance to national defense and homeland security, NAS JRB will be given priority in planning and implementation of air quality management. It is critical that NAS JRB be able to expand operations as needed to carry out these vital missions. Therefore, we have assumed a near doubling of air operations to allow for substantial expansion for the number of aircraft.

I have submitted to your staff our detailed technical analysis of how we accommodate NAS JRB in our air quality plans. We look forward to growth at NAS JRB Fort Worth. Please contact me at 817-695-9241 should you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Michael Morris, P.E.
Director of Transportation

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