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2005 Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission  
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Dear Commission:

You know as I look around this state, nation and world I ask myself are we safer today than we were 10 years ago. I take a look at the Trans-Alaskan pipeline and the fact that hopefully soon oil and gas will be flowing from the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge as well as Prudhoe Bay. I look around the state and realize how our state is home to a vast percentage of our nation's early defense systems and I look at the fact that this state is the largest most accessible areas of the country to Asia. Than I ask do we live in a safe enough world as to allow these facilities, resources and infrastructure to be guarded less in a post-9/11 world? I say we should protect these assets more. So imagine my astonishment when I found out that Eielson Air Force Base is being targeted for realignment.

Adak radar, GMD, missile defense at Fort Greeley, the pipeline terminus at Valdez and many other prime targets of opportunity for any rogue nation or terror group wanting to send a message and yet we are now talking about having these critical locations guarded by one squadron of aircraft that in recent years have been deployed outside the state more than in, or relying on aircraft to find their way north from Nellis Air Base in Nevada. I must say this does not instill a great sense of security in those of us that live in Alaska.

Alaska and America needs Eielson Air Base both today and in the future. Keep Eielson open in Alaska.

Sincerely,

  
Jim Gilles

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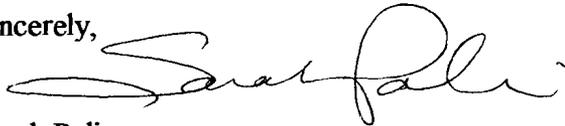
Dear Commission:

I understand that there is a need to consolidate and make our military more cost efficient but it must be done without risking our safety and security at home or abroad. It seems to me that as the Base Realignment and Closure Commission objectively identified bases that should be realigned or closed that they were doing so while keeping an eye of protection on those bases with a particularly unique strategic position. This was my belief until Eielson Air Force base outside Fairbanks made the most recent list.

Varying climates, terrains and the longest continuous shoreline on the continent make Alaska uniquely situated for joint training and military exercises, on the land air and sea. Our geographic location makes Alaska the frontline in securing the mainland. This first became evident in World War II, and became indispensable during the "Cold War," and now as the "War on Terror" continues to rage you seem to be proposing to reduce our military's ability to deter and defend our oil fields, pipelines and population from one of the world's most notorious terrorist nations – North Korea – a nation that boasts of its ability to strike the US (Alaska) with nuclear payloads.

Eielson has a long and distinguished history of service to this country. Eielson's mission cannot be replicated or replaced and there are good reasons this base did not show up on the first round of base closures – those reasons are more valid today than they were yesterday. Please take Eielson off your list.

Sincerely,



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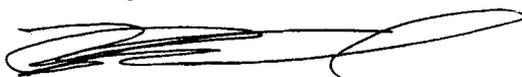
Dear Commission:

I am writing in hopes that my words joined with the support from others around the state and country will be enough to show the military importance of Eielson Air Force base in Alaska. More often than not the way something specs out on paper is drastically different from what is reality. Such is the case we find at Eielson. Somewhere, some accountant found that on paper Eielson's mission could be done elsewhere. Unfortunately what the mathematical number crunching doesn't provide is the practical applications of this base and the men and women that serve here. Examples of just some of the services provided: sovereignty missions they fly, the protection they give to our resources in Alaska and their ability to react quicker than anyone else to some of the hottest spots in the world. Not to mention the simple deterrence element that may give rogue nations like North Korea pause before sending a message to the United States.

What really upsets me are the cheerleaders outside the commission, such as those at the Brookings Institute, who without spending an appreciable amount of time, if any, in Alaska try to determine the valuable base as a cold war relic. Saying in an Associated Press report that they don't believe terrorists will be attacking the Trans Alaskan pipeline in bombers. Dare I remind this commission of the tragedy of Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. On Sept. 10, 2001 what would the Brookings Institute have said about terrorists using 757s as missiles?

The whole point of military preparedness is that we don't know what our enemies are capable of and that is why we need to be prepared. I agree that as the cost of the military rises, we must find ways of consolidating. We must make our military more cost efficient, but you do not do that by closing down a frontline base, that can't be replicated elsewhere in the country. That is insanity - that is inviting conflict.

Sincerely,



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CLOSURE of EIELSON AFB**

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**Eielson is not needed and has not been for many years. If closing Eielson can help the war effort or save one life it is worth it. Eielson has only become a welfare base for the local economy and nothing more.**

**With the vast amounts of money in the state, with the financial irresponsibility and building of an elite society within the state thru its Jobs and Retirement Programs the handling of state finances are out of control. Someone needs to tell Congress, "Stop sending money to Alaska". It is ruining the state and destroying its indigenous population and only creating problems.**

**I have spent over 20 years working for Wein Airlines traveling to all the villages and have seen the increase in the false economy and social destruction of its people. I would like to say one more time close Eielson and stop sending money to Alaska.**



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Re: Eielson AFB

Dear Commission:

Alaska is a rich land. Our state has prospered through three means: fishing, oil and an unequalled working relationship with the military. It was through the strength of that bond that Alaskans built cities and economies to support the military's mission in Alaska. Alaskans invested in their communities because of what military leaders have said for decades: Alaska is crucial to the efforts of the military for training and for the strategic importance of our geographic area to national security.

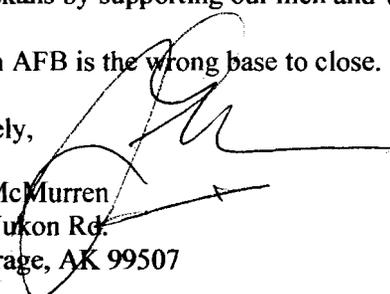
Now the military has proposed one of our keystone facilities, Eielson AFB, for realignment. Why? We still have all the facilities for joint training operations. Our geographic locale is more critical now because of continued unrest on the Korean peninsula.

Closing Eielson would be an economic disaster for Fairbanks. It also would have a negative impact on our statewide economy. I cannot believe that it would be cheaper in the long run to have to re-locate, than transport aircraft, personnel and equipment back and forth between the Lower 48 and Alaska for training. I cannot believe the value of this closure is worth the decreased ability to perform needed security operations.

People in other states protest the military presence in their areas. Not here in Alaska. We're proud of our military heritage. We're proud of our troops. And we're proud of the crucial role we play as Alaskans by supporting our men and women in uniform.

Eielson AFB is the wrong base to close.

Sincerely,



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