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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi:

Thank you for making BRAC Commission staffers Gary Dinsick and George Delgado available to meet with my constituents from Lima's Joint Systems Manufacturing Center (JSMC) (formerly the Lima Army Tank Plant) on June 29. My office appreciated the outstanding assistance of Christine Hill of the commission's congressional affairs office in setting up this meeting.

As you know, the Department of Defense has recommended JSMC-Lima for realignment: the elimination of 27 percent of the plant's production space. I believe that this recommendation is based on old data obtained very early in the BRAC process. Since that time, JSMC has gained significant new work, including assembly work for the Marine Corps' Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle and a significant expansion of the plant's Abrams tank upgrade programs. In short, JSMC is now utilizing virtually all available production space, and must retain this space to comply with the BRAC requirement to "retain the portion required to support the manufacturing of armored combat vehicles" for the Army and Marine Corps.

During their meeting with JSMC leaders and community officials, Mr. Dinsick and Mr. Delgado requested that Lima write an impact statement explaining how JSMC's operations would be negatively affected by the proposed reduction. That statement is attached; consistent with all applicable rules and regulations governing your work, I ask that you give it careful consideration as you conduct your deliberations on the BRAC list.

Thank you for your attention to this request and for your service as chairman of the BRAC Commission.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MGO", written over the typed name and title.

Michael G. Oxley, M.C.  
Fourth Ohio District

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# TASK FORCE LIMA

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**Description: Provide Impacts on production Programs resulting from the Reduction of 27% of the Production Building Square Footage for Joint Systems Manufacturing Center (formerly Lima Army Tank Plant).**

THE OSD-PROPOSED REDUCTION OF PRODUCTION AREA AT THE JOINT SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING CENTER (JSMC ) IS CONTRADICTORY TO THE DOD DIRECTIVE TO MAINTAIN PRODUCTION CAPABILITY FOR ABRAMS, EFV, AND FCS.

THE BUILDINGS AT JSMC CONTAIN APPROXIMATELY 1.21 MSF OF COMBAT VEHICLE PRODUCTION AREA. ABRAMS RESET, USMC EFV, AND STRYKER REQUIREMENTS HAVE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY SINCE THE BRAC DATACALL WAS COMPLETED.

(1) THE M1 ABRAMS MAIN BATTLE TANK WORK INCLUDING M1A2 SEP, AIM, RESET AND FOREIGN MILITARY SALES REQUIRES .416 MSF OF PRODUCTION SPACE.

(2) THE EFV AND STRYKER FABRICATION/ASSEMBLY WORK REQUIRES .351 MSF OF PRODUCTION SPACE.

(3) THERE IS APPROXIMATELY .5 MSF OF PRODUCTION AREA THAT IS COMMON TO TWO OR MORE PROGRAMS (INCLUDING PAINT BOOTHS, COMPONENT MACHINING, AISLEWAYS, ETC.).

WITH THIS INCREASED WORKLOAD THE PROJECTED AVAILABLE SQUARE FOOTAGE AT THE JSMC IN FY06 EQUATES TO APPROXIMATELY 3.1% OF THE TOTAL PRODUCTION SF. IN OTHER WORDS, THE INSTALLATION IS USING 96.9% OF THE AVAILABLE PRODUCTION SQUARE FOOTAGE FOR ITS WORKLOAD REQUIREMENTS. THE 3.1% VACANT AREAS ARE DISCONTINUOUS AND SCATTERED THROUGHOUT THE PRODUCTION FACILITY WITH INDIVIDUAL AREAS VARYING FROM 1,500 TO 11,000 SF IN SIZE. SINCE THE OSD BRAC RECOMMENDATIONS DIRECT LIMA JSMC TO RETAIN THE PRODUCTION SPACE REQUIRED TO SUPPORT THE M1 TANK, EFV, AND FCS PROGRAMS THIS RECOMMENDED SPACE REDUCTION WOULD BE INCONSISTENT WITH OSD BRAC DIRECTIVES.

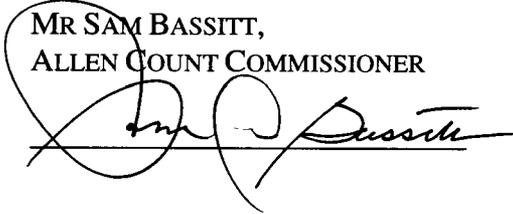
## **RECOMMENDATION:**

RECOMMEND THAT THE DIRECTION TO REDUCE 27% OF THE PRODUCTION SQUARE FOOTAGE AT LIMA BE ELIMINATED FROM THE BRAC LIST AND THAT THE DIRECTION BE LEFT TO REALIGN THE LIMA ARMY TANK PLANT TO BECOME THE JOINT SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING CENTER AND RETAIN ONLY THE NECESSARY INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT THE MANUFACTURE OF THE ARMY FUTURE COMBAT SYSTEM (FCS), MARINE CORPS EFV, STRYKER FABRICATION, AND ABRAMS RECAP PROGRAMS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

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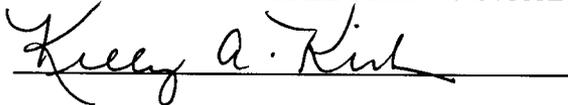
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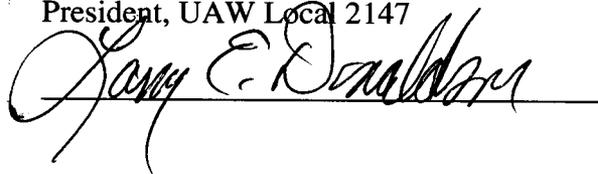
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