



June 9, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, Pennsylvania. This installation is the model of joint base use facilities whose many strengths include:

- Working Joint operations including all services except the Coast Guard
- A critical and strategic location, near all Northeast Corridor major metropolitan and port areas
- Vital Part of Homeland Defense and Security for the East Coast
- An 8,000 ft. modern runway with Digital Radar Air Control System – one of only four in the U.S. and available for emergency preparedness operations
- Stanch community support, including a large veteran population

Personally, closing this base would negatively impact my family and many others like us. My husband served twenty years in the United States Marine Corps. We survived his deployments, low pay, and constant moves. Yet we were proud to serve this great nation. However, his retirement pay of \$1200 per month barely pays our mortgage. Therefore, shortly after retiring we bought a house near NAS JRB Willow Grove in order to use our earned benefits and help offset other costs. We rely heavily on all of the base services, especially the pharmacy. Both of our children, ages 2 and 5, have serious health issues and are frequently ill requiring medication. Because of their physical problems I am at home and we live on one salary. Shopping in town is extremely difficult and expensive. The proposed construction of a commissary on the base was an answer to prayer.

For all of the above reasons I urge you to please reconsider your decision. I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying my message.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa E. Divita". The ink is black and the signature is fluid and legible.

Theresa E. Divita
350 Rettop Place
Warminster, PA 18974



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June 8, 2005

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Gentlemen:

I am a resident, homeowner, business owner and land owner in Horsham Township. My husband's family has operated a family owned farm in Horsham since 1924. My husband, Charles W. Kohler, Jr., passed away in March of 2003 and now our son, Nathan, his wife and I are running the family farm.

We are very saddened to hear that the Willow Grove Naval Air Station is targeted for closure. They are good and welcomed neighbors. I have felt extremely fortunate to have the excellent military force in our community. I have felt very secure in the fact that this wonderful facility that serves all branches of the Armed Forces, except the Coast Guard, is protecting this part of the country.

I consider myself a patriotic person. I support our troops in whatever they are sent to do. My Father served in the Navy in World War II and my son-in-law is right now serving in the Air Force at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina, having served in Afghanistan and Korea. I have watched countless American men and women leave to serve in Iraq through the Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

I would appreciate anything you can do to SAVE OUR BASE. Our community has grown quite a bit in the passed 20 years but we are a community that welcomes our Armed Forces with welcome arms.

Please keep our base opened.

Respectfully,

KOHLER FARMS

Patricia K. Kohler