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Dear Mr. Principi,

I may just be a VA nurse but please allow me to share how vulnerable and weak Dayton's economical health status has become since your April, 2005 stay. Dayton's industrial job base of 2670 has dropped to 2270 with expectation of 1870 by 2009. Add to this the loss of United Parcel Flight hub at Dayton's International Airport & DELPHI (7 assembly plants) probably going into chapter 11 and one will be notice a sharp rise in more unemployment. (=) More vets coming to seek care (VA)

Knowledge is power and Dayton's strength for economical health renewal lies in its ability to incorporate education with research & development especially in aeronautical engineering & military science. My husband Bill, a former Army Helicopter pilot/maintenance officer utilized principles learned to be one DELPHI's major patent producing mechanical engineers in ride/chasis development systems.

As a tax payer, I know it is A LOT cheaper to have TDY/students live

and go to school in Dayton. Perhaps the costs could help fund more/not less students to keep their interest & commitment of arm serviced members in the military in longer service times.

If you remember Dayton, you will also recall how quickly commutes are in this town as well as less costly school systems and lower cost of living.

These community intrinsic factors does provide a better quality of life for active duty as well as support personnel.

Thank you for your time and interest. Grand mother taught me, it is never wise to put all your eggs in one basket. When it comes to educational specialty RED areas found uniquely @ WPAFB, it would seem best to have faster/rapid turn around in applying knowledge to power in RED labs on base where equipment, space, time, & cost of living is there.

Sincerely
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