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BRAC Commission

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Ms. Edith E. Strothmann
3846 Upper Mountain Road
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Dear Ms. Strothmann:

As you know, the fight to keep the Niagara Air Reserve Station open has kicked into high gear. Local, state and federal representatives, along with the Niagara Military Affairs Council (NIMAC), are banding together in a monumental effort to keep our base open, keep thousands of workers in quality jobs and keep our economy alive. We know how much is at stake!

The Base Realignment and Closure Commission's recommendation for our base is most unwelcome, but we can be certain the decision was made through no fault of our own. The base has been a critical component of the War on Terror and our region and its leaders have stood behind it 100 percent. The fight will go on into the summer and beyond as we continue to make our case to the BRAC Commission. We will be fighting this decision at an upcoming hearing in Western New York with the BRAC Commissioners taking place on June 27th and we will be investing more dollars into NIMAC's advocacy efforts.

We overcame this challenge in 1995 when Niagara was first placed on the base closure list and I pledge to work tirelessly to do so again now. But I need your help.

Community involvement is very important in making a strong case to the BRAC Commission. The military's presence is a tremendous asset to our community and now is our chance to show them our support. Please take a moment to sign the enclosed letter stressing the importance of getting the Niagara Falls Air Force Base removed from the BRAC closure list.

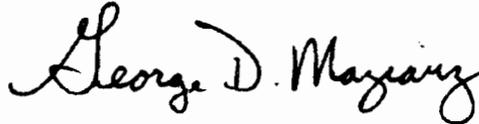
All you have to do is sign the pre-written letter (which is addressed to BRAC) and mail it back to my district office in the enclosed envelope as soon as

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possible. Also, please feel free to copy the letter and get signatures from your friends and family members. I am collecting these letters and I will personally present them to the appropriate officials.

I can't thank you enough for your help in our efforts. Should you have any further questions or comments, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "George D. Maziarz". The signature is written in black ink and is centered on the page.

George D. Maziarz
Senator, 62nd District

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