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Dear Senator Maguire

Thank you for taking such a serious attitude in the manner of saving our Niagara Air Reserve Station.

Sometimes I loose my faith in some, politic decision, that someone like you comes along and restores my faith!

Good luck in this action

God bless you

A Concerned Person
Dale K. Lince

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(3) [Cont.] the protection of the Niagara Power plant and Complex should not be overlooked by the BRAC Commission.

The Destruction of Niagara Power Authority would be a huge Moral and Economic Set Back for this already Troubled Area.

(4) A Large Scale Attack on the Boarder Crossings and the Power Authority would hurt the Tourism on the U.S.A. Side of the Boarder and on the Canadian Side of the Boarder. It would send a message to the world, that the War on Terror doesn't include one of the most traveled Boarder's in the Country.

And the Closing of the Air Base in Niagara Falls is sending a message to the terrorists that we are weak and losing the War against Terror because we are being forced to close very important Air Bases along very important Boarder Crossings. Showing the world right now how weak and ~~and~~ vulnerable we are now will only encourage another major attack.

I really hope you will consider these other reasons for not closing the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base.

Thank You,
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Gentlemen/Ladies:

The Pentagon has recommended the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York, be closed. Listed below are a number of factors supporting the military value of the Base to the well-being of the people of the United States.

The Base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the United States and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower Complex which harnesses the waters of the Niagara River and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the Base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the **addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be expanded rather than closed.**

According to the Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in New York by **40%** and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with **\$35,000,000** in new facilities and lengthened runways, which have improved the operational effectiveness of the Wings.
- Base Operations Support costs have been reduced by not less than 33% (to include a **25% reduction in utilities**) to make the Base one of the most **cost-efficient facilities** in the Air Force Reserve Command.

- Closure of the Base would also eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have maintained both recruitment and retention in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls' existing infrastructure can accommodate **eight additional C-130H model aircraft** without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces **no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints** and has acreage on the Base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I respectfully request that you strongly reconsider the decision to close the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station. The fine men and women of the 107th Air Refueling Wing and 914th Airlift Wing have been instrumental in securing the homefront and fighting the war on terror overseas.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,



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