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**Comment letter to the  
2005 Defense Base Closure  
and Realignment (BRAC) Commission**

**Re: New Jersey Voices Against the Closure of Fort Monmouth**

August 19, 2005

BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The 6,600 members of the Monmouth County Association of REALTORS® (MCAR) and the hundreds of signatures on the enclosed petitions (and those who sent comment letters to your Web site) strongly oppose the closure of Fort Monmouth.

MCAR is a professional association founded in 1936, serving more than 6,600 real estate agents and other related professionals who represent over 500 public companies. Our members typically are responsible for assuring that a marketplace exists for consumers to buy, own and transfer real property. MCAR members are directly responsible for the health and well-being of the communities in which they live and work, ensuring that the American Dream of Home ownership is available to all those who seek it. Further, MCAR members are concerned about ongoing problems with displacing its residents, especially those who are so integral to the state's security, the sons and daughters fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan and to the economic health of local businesses.

There's no denying that our military is dynamic and needs to change with the landscape of protecting our citizenry. Fort Monmouth is more than just a Fort, it is a technologically advanced, skilled military post that is protecting our homeland security, protecting our troops and supporting our veterans and is a vital part of New Jersey's economic health and well-being.

Therefore, MCAR, the hundreds of residents of New Jersey who signed our petitions and those who sent comment letters to your Web site, join the New Jersey Congressional Delegation and the Patriots Alliance to urge you—the BRAC Commission—to save Fort Monmouth and keep it operational. New Jersey's homeland security, the troops in Iraq and Afghanistan and the economy of the Garden State need not be at risk. We cannot afford such risk at this time.

Thank you for considering our position on the closure of Fort Monmouth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Banasiak".

Christina "Tina" Banasiak  
President  
Monmouth County Association of REALTORS®