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August 18, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: May 13, 2005 DOD Recommended Base Realignment and Closure List/  
Air Guard Realignment, Portland International Airport, Portland, Oregon

Commissioners:

The City Council of the City of Lincoln City unanimously opposes the realignment of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units based at the Portland International Airport Air Guard Station in Portland, Oregon.

The Pacific Northwest has a population of 11 million people who depend upon these units to effectively and efficiently defend their security. This station provides defense support of civil authority over a wide area comprising more than 750,000 square miles including more than 1000 miles of low-lying coastline, a large portion of which is subject to inundation by tsunami. Our population depends on this Air Guard base to provide homeland defense.

Reducing the current level of force in this area would needlessly expose our citizens to heightened risk, which can be alleviated by the presence of Air Guard strategically positioned to assist in an emergency such as a tsunami inundation or other catastrophic event. Proposing realignment of Air Guard in Portland, Oregon when civil defense needs are increasing rather than decreasing clearly fails to meet the strategic and operational requirements necessary to maintain a secure environment in the Pacific Northwest.

The City of Lincoln City, Oregon adopted Resolution No. 2005-19 (attached) and requests that the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve based at Portland International Airport in Portland, Oregon be removed from the BRAC list subject to realignment, and at a minimum, the base continue with the current number of aircraft as assigned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lori Hollingsworth, Mayor  
City of Lincoln City

cc: Governor Kulongoski  
Darlene Hooley

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**RESOLUTION NO. 2005-19**

1 **A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN CITY OPPOSING THE CLOSURE OR**  
2 **REALIGNMENT OF THE AIR NATIONAL GUARD AND AIR FORCE UNITS BASED AT**  
3 **PORTLAND INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN PORTLAND, OREGON.**

4 WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lincoln City unanimously opposes the  
5 realignment or closure of the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve units based in  
6 Portland, Oregon; and

7 WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest has a population of 11 million people who  
8 depend upon national Air Guard units to effectively and efficiently defend their security.

9 WHEREAS, reducing aircraft would clearly fail to meet the strategic and  
10 operational requirements necessary to maintain a secure environment in the Pacific  
11 Northwest; and

12 WHEREAS, similar to other coastal cities with heightened defense needs due to  
13 mountainous geography and Pacific Ocean coastline, Lincoln City is in need of an active  
14 and local air guard to support its civil defense.

15 THEREFORE, the City Council resolves as follows:

16 The City of Lincoln City, Oregon requests the Air National Guard and Air Force  
17 Reserve bases in Portland, Oregon be removed from the 2005 Department of Defense  
18 Recommended Base Closure and Realignment list, and at a minimum continue with the  
19 current number of aircraft as assigned.  
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22 The City Recorder shall mail a letter in substantially the form of Exhibit A, attached  
23 hereto, with a copy of this resolution to the BRAC Commission.

24 Passed and adopted by the City Council for the City of Lincoln City this 8<sup>th</sup> day of  
25 August 2005.

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10 CATHY STEERE, City Recorder

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