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August 18, 2005

Dear Sirs:

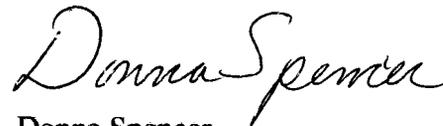
I am writing to urge you to keep the 130th Airlift Wing in Charleston, West Virginia.

I became aware of the positive influence of the 130th a few years ago at an air show held there at the base. Since then my daughter has become a member of the Civil Air Patrol Cadet Program. As you know, the Cadet Program is a United States Air Force Auxiliary. As a cadet she has participated in many events that would not have been possible without the expertise of the 130th Airlift members. She has done flight orientation and flown over her house here in Kenna. She has flown in a Blackhawk helicopter during the annual Encampment this summer. The 130th invited the cadets to help them in their practice Emergency training. Just last week the cadets made a trip to Washington, D.C. as a direct result of fundraising support of the 130th Airlift Wing members.

The Civil Air Patrol cadets get out into the community and try to make a difference. They have a Color Guard which participates in parades and other patriotic events. They recently cleaned trails at a park for a weekend . Soon they will help with traffic control at the Charleston regatta.

The cadets are there because the 130th is there. Please leave the "Air" in Civil Air Patrol and keep the 130th here with us. We need them, and you need them, here.

Sincerely,



Donna Spencer

PROCLAMATION
Kanawha County, West Virginia

AUG 27 2005

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WHEREAS: The Defense Department Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) has recommended the closure of one-third of the Air National Guard's 88 flying units; and

WHEREAS: The proposal will strip all aircraft from 28 Air Guard units, most of which have been significant contributors to operations in Iraq, Afghanistan and in past conflicts as far back as the Korean War; and,

WHEREAS: Hundreds of the Air Force's most experienced aircrews and support personnel may be pushed out of the military as the nation is struggling with securing the homeland while continuing the global war on terrorism; and

WHEREAS: The elimination of the Air Force's most cost-efficient flying units in the name of saving money may present a decrease in the readiness of our country to respond to emergency situations or attacks; and,

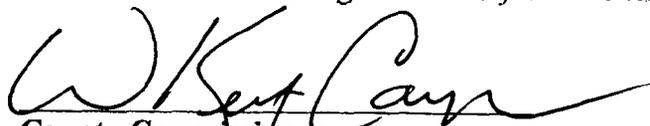
WHEREAS: Little or no consideration was given to the potential loss of highly qualified personnel or their connection and activity with the surrounding community; and,

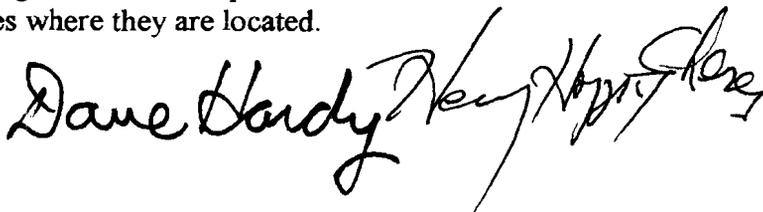
WHEREAS: The average strength of an Air National Guard C-130 unit is 92.8 % and the strength of the 130th Airlift Wing is 103%; and

WHEREAS: The Pentagon has finalized the BRAC recommendations without the benefit of the 2005 Quadrennial Defense Review (QDR), which will identify threats, develop strategies and allocate resources to combat those threats,

NOW, THEREFORE MAY IT BE PROCLAIMED: That, Kanawha County, West Virginia supports the Air National Guard Flying Units and in particular the 130th Airlift Wing located in Charleston, West Virginia; and;

FURTHER: Requests that the United States Congress vote to keep these Air National Guard Units intact to serve our great Country and the states where they are located.


 County Commissioner



Attest:

 Recorder

AUG 19 2005

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Aug 19, 2005

Re: Keep 1st E m Flying
C-130 Guard Unit
from Charleston, W.V.

Dear Chairman:

I am responding to the announcement that B.R.A.C. has on their agenda to remove the Air C-130 guard unit here.

Due to the strength that unit has demonstrated in the past and now in serving during weather conditions or during other wars and now in protecting the chemical plants here or helping with Homeland Security. I as an American and W.Va. Native feel that it is very important to keep that unit here in W.Va.

Please reconsider this decision that you have made. Our family has been in the military for many years.

Respectfully,
Mama L. Benmore