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re. Otis Air Base

Dear Sirs

We object strongly  
the closing of Otis Air Force Base.  
Its importance to homeland  
security. Also the cost  
savings are misleading

Sincerely  
Sanford Storm  
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Mr. & Mrs. Sanford Storm  
973 Main St.  
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Please do all you can  
to keep Otis AFB open  
in Falmouth Massachusetts.  
We need Otis to keep  
us safe. Florida is too  
far away from the  
Upper East Coast. Please  
know that Falmouth  
residents love our military  
families + besides our  
safety it will mean a  
huge impact on our local  
economy! Sincerely,  
Sharon Pauls

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Dear Sirs,

I am expressing my concern that Otis AFB remain open. It is critical as we are at war and Otis is the base which could respond most efficiently to submarine, missile or air attack from the Middle East. Otis AFB personnel were some of the first to arrive after the 9/11 attack. The base remaining open is critical to our defense against further terrorist attacks.

Ever hopeful,  
Carol M. Nicols  
85 Rinalico Pond Rd.  
Mashpee, MA 02649

August 18, 2005 BBAC Commission

Dear Sirs:

It is essential in time of war to  
maintain Otis Air Force Base. Otis is  
in a prime location to guard homeland  
security in Northeast of USA. Otis is our  
closest defense to attack by missiles,  
submarines, or air attacks. Keep Otis open  
and operating.

Sincerely,

Rosa H. Murray



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**TOWN OF GOSNOLD  
CUTTYHUNK, MA 02713**

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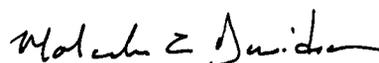
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Crock Street, Ste. 600  
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you on behalf of the Selectmen of the Town of Gosnold, Massachusetts, concerning the proposal to close Otis Air Force Base, which provides facilities from which the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod operates. The Massachusetts Town of Gosnold consists of a string of islands running east to west from Woods Hole, the southernmost point on Cape Cod, to Cuttyhunk Island some 12 miles off the mainland coast across Buzzards Bay. Cuttyhunk Island is populated by hundreds of residents in the summer months and by a core of year-round residents in winter. Cuttyhunk Island is isolated from all mainland points due to its distant geographic location. The only public transportation to the island is provided by a small ferry from New Bedford running daily in the summer but only intermittently in the winter, and in all cases only one trip per day which takes approximately 1 ½ hours. There are no hospital facilities whatsoever on the island except a one room infirmary staffed in the summer by visiting doctors. A serious medical condition arising at any time during the year would require emergency air evacuation service. While commercial air ambulance services are the first option in these circumstances, bad weather frequently shuts down the operations of commercial air ambulance helicopters. When this happens, the only remaining option to provide emergency medical response for Cuttyhunk Island is the Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod helicopters which are able to fly in conditions in which commercial air ambulances will not. It perhaps goes without saying that in a medical emergency time is the absolute critical factor. Reducing the capability of the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod to respond in such an emergency would serve to tilt the balance from life toward death.

For those of us who live on Cuttyhunk and in other parts of the Town of Gosnold, the decision to close Otis is one that boils down to concerns over life or death. We urge the BRAC to help keep Otis Air Force Base open so that the U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod will have sufficiently local facilities from which to respond to a medical emergency in the Town of Gosnold.

Sincerely,



Malcolm L. Davidson  
Selectman, Town of Gosnold

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please keep Otis ANG Base open.

The Northeast needs its protection. I feel safe in my little corner of the world knowing that there are specialists at Otis always on guard. If Otis is closed, it would be like leaving the side entrance of my home unlocked for any "trouble" to come in. And when those "trouble" factors learn there's an open door, they'll take advantage of it.

Our country needs Otis ANG Base to secure and protect our home, the USA.

Anna D. Lodovico

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**RE:** Support of Otis Air National Guard Base and Coast Guard operations

Dear BRAC Commission:

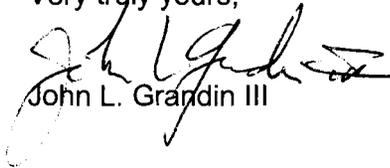
I support the retention of the Otis Air National Guard (Otis ANG) Base operations at the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR). Otis ANG Base is an integral and valued part of the Sandwich community, the entire Cape Cod and Islands region. Most importantly, the military missions it fulfills are of utmost importance to the safety and protection of the United States, in general, and the Northeast, in particular. It also supports the Coast Guard.

Otis ANG Base and F-15s from the 102<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing were the first military aircraft to reach the World Trade Center during the September 11, 2001 attacks. They regularly provide a myriad of military and homeland security functions, as well as vital support to the U.S. Coast Guard at Air Station Cape Cod, one of the busiest installations in the country. Otis ANG Base is the host installation for all of the military and homeland security operations at the MMR, including U.S. Army Guard training at Camp Edwards and numerous Coast Guard operations. It is clear the loss of Otis would severely damage the shared infrastructure and resources currently found on the MMR.

As a homeowner on Martha's Vineyard I have seen how the Coast Guard operates from Otis and saves lives on the Islands by Medevac'ing seriously ill people under conditions that others can not fly in. In addition, they save lives at sea. I strongly urge the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove Otis ANG Base from the list of military installations being considered for closure and/or realignment. Otis ANG Base is too important for our nation's security and homeland defense to be relocated and it allows vital life saving to be performed.

I am all for saving tax payer money but I do not think a reduction at Otis will provide real savings due to the interaction of all the agencies that operate there. And what is the value of several lives saved every year?

Very truly yours,

  
John L. Grandin III

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Dear Commissioners

As a veteran, neighbor of Otis ANG Base on Cape Cod, graduate of the Mass. Maritime Academy and retired Special Agent of the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) it is most difficult to understand how our military has designated the ANG Fighter Wing at Otis for, effectively, closing. Not only would this extraordinarily well located and relatively inexpensive operation go away but the remaining military activities (most especially the USCG aviation units) would be negatively impacted and, too, would likely have to move. With that the safety of mariners (whose numbers are huge in nearby waters) would be decreased significantly.

The potential of the MA. MILITARY RESERVATION land tract is huge (particularly with the ANG Fighter Intercept Wing in place) as the land tract with it's existing and underutilized existing infrastructure provides a terrific platform for Homeland Security training and/or other Homeland Security activities. The Mass. Maritime Academy - just 5 miles from Otis - is currently preparing a graduate program in Homeland Security and they plan to utilize a perfect maritime platform (their school ship) which will complement the potential land/air set up on the Mass. Military Res. This combination of resources seems ideal, realistic, extremely cost effective and should be utilized. The loss of the Air Wing at Otis would likely derail most, if not all, of this terrific opportunity.

Thank you for your time and for your service.

Sincerely  
 W. Butler