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Odon IN 47562

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Marcia Buckley  
530 22nd St.  
Bedford, IN 47421

July 29 2005

Dear BRAC Commission

I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not properly followed the law in developing recommendations. The DOD is required to take into account the return on investment resulting from its closure/re-alignment recommendations. In reviewing the cost data that is available on the E-library at the BRAC Commission website ([www.brac.gov](http://www.brac.gov)) I have come to the conclusion that moving Chemical and Biological workload from NSWC Crane to Edgewood in Maryland does not result in any costs savings savings by 2011. In addition, the only reason a cost savings can be shown at all is due to an arbitrary 50% reduction in administrative type job functions. It appears that, of the four sites being re-aligned to Edgewood (NSWC Crane, NSWC Dahlgren, Falls Church and Fort Belvoir), only the Falls Church and Fort Belvoir generate any return on investment. The NSWC Crane and NSWC Dahlgren re-alignments cost more than they save. In fact it appears that, when added together, the four re-alignments to Edgewood result in a net loss rather than net savings. In other words the only way this scenario will save money is if the NSWC Crane and NSWC Dahlgren portions of the re-alignments are eliminated!

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the Return On Investment requirements of BRAC law.

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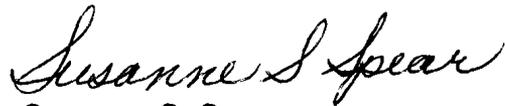
It is our belief that the Crane Division already has the required facilities to accomplish the mission of those 672 employees. We see no reason why these facilities should be abandoned, especially in view of the additional expenses that would be incurred in setting up new facilities at another base.

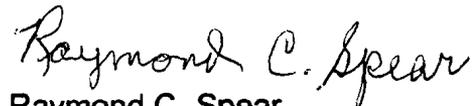
We do not appreciate the negative impact the loss of those 672 jobs would have on our local communities

Since the Crane Division, with its highly skilled employees and in-place facilities, has been successful in fulfilling its mission to the military services, we see no need for any changes to be made at the Crane Division.

Thank you for considering our request to keep the current staffing level at the Crane Division.

Very truly yours,

  
Susanne S. Spear

  
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Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman  
Commissioner  
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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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BRAC Commission

2005

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*Mary Alice Foster*

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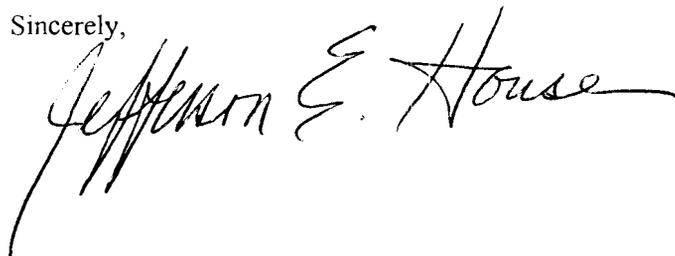
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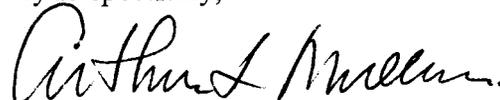
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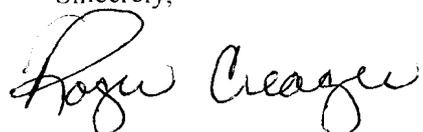
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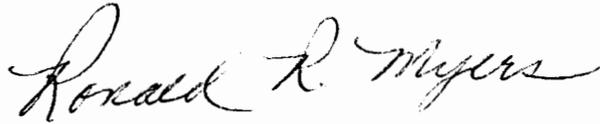
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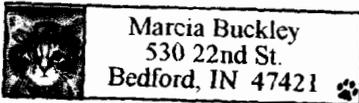
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July 29, 2005

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Very Respectfully  
Marcia Buckley  
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Patricia + Keith Straus

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Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman  
Commissioner  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Admiral Gehman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attention to the delegation from Indiana during the recent BRAC Hearing in St. Louis. As a concerned taxpayer I support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. I hope that the testimony helped you realize how important Indiana Military installations like Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) Crane and Crane Army Ammunition Activity (CAAA) are to our Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism.

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Very Respectfully,

*Arthur L. Mullin*

BRAC Commission  
July 30, 2005

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These people are a vital part of each community, town and county. They purchase goods and services. This would devastate our local and state economy. We already live in an economically depressed area. Crane is the largest employer in the area.

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We need Crane.

Our country needs Crane.

Crane has proven itself by producing high quality products and services at cost effective prices. It provides support for our troops that are defending our freedom. Crane is helping fight the war on terrorism.

As you review please take Crane off the BRAC list.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Linda Mattox*

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Dear Mr. Principi:

I would hope that you would  
do every thing possible to keep ~~the~~ the  
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I used to work at the Naval Surface  
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people to be good, smart, honest, hard working  
people who are in need of jobs in  
that area.

My brother works at the Depot  
and lives at Crane Village (edge of depot.)  
The residents there would welcome  
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Karen Perry

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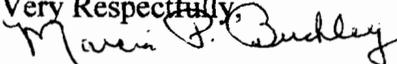
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One example of a recommendation that does not make sense is the re-alignment of Army S, E and EW work from Fort Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Grounds. According to the Technical Joint Cross Service Group Analysis and Recommendations document dated 19 May 2005, which is available on the DOD BRAC website ([www.defenselink.mil/brac](http://www.defenselink.mil/brac)), NSWC Crane has much higher Military Value scores than both Fort Monmouth and Aberdeen Proving Grounds. In addition, NSWC Crane already has a close working relationship with the Army since it is co-located with CAAA. If the BRAC criteria are followed properly, this workload should be re-located to NSWC Crane instead of Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Additionally, this same logic applies to the Army S, E and EW work being relocated from Fort Belvoir to Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The Fort Belvoir workload should be re-aligned to NSWC Crane since NSWC Crane has existing joint S, E and EW capability as well as higher Military Value scores.

Another example of a recommendation that does not make sense is the re-alignment of S, E and EW workload from Space and Naval Warfare sites at Charleston and San Diego to NSWC Dahlgren. NSWC Crane has higher Military Value scores than Charleston, San Diego and Dahlgren and should have been designated as the receiving site for this workload.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align S, E and EW workload to sites other than NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the joint capability of NSWC Crane and CAAA as well as the DODs own Military Value scoring analysis.

Very Respectfully,

  
Marcia Buckley

Note: I have worked for the Government for 36 years. I am 59 years old. My job in the Small Arms Division, Code 408, as well as others in my Division was targeted to move to Picatinny. Health-wise, I will not be able to make that move. All my physicians are in Indiana. I am a 65-68 File Clerk. I could not afford to move to Picatinny and I definitely cannot afford the cost of living in that area. Please look more closely at your decisions to determine if in fact this would save the Government money. Thank you.

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DEAR SIR,  
I HOPE YOUR GROUP WILL CONSIDER  
KEEPING THE CRANE NAVAL AND ARMY BASE  
INTACT. IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO OUR  
STATE AND COUNTRY.

MY MOTHER AND DAD AND 3 SISTERS WORKED  
THERE DURING AND AFTER WORLD WAR II.  
MY HUSBAND (ROMAR) A W.W.II VETERAN  
WORKED THERE AFTER HE WAS DISCHARGE  
MY GRANDSON WORKED THERE 21 YEARS  
NOW MY SON-IN-LAW, A SIX YEAR  
ARMY VETERAN WORKS THERE.

THIS IS JUST ONE FAMILY TOUCHED  
BY THE THE NAVAL CRANE BASE.  
IT IS SO IMPORTANT TO ALL OF THE  
WAR VETERANS AND THE ARMED FORCES.  
AND TO ALL OF THE COUNTRY.

THANK YOU FOR READING THIS.

THANKS

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