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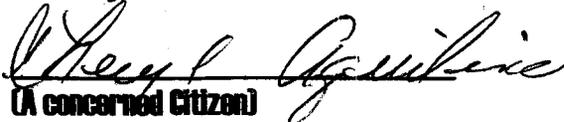
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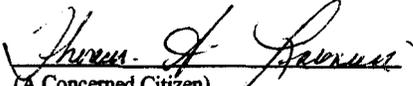
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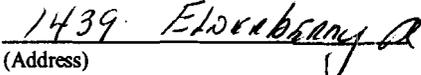
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Julie A. Moss  
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July 25, 2005

Dear Commission Members,

I am writing to address the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) proposal for closing the Hawthorne Army Depot (HWAD) in Nevada. HWAD has many assets and features to continue to serve the military in many ways, and **has not out-lived its usefulness** to the US Government.

HWAD is an ideal training site for many branches of the military. The high desert terrain and climate is much like Afghanistan, and has recently been used for training Seals and Marines being deployed overseas. And Walker Lake provides open water for various sea-like training missions. HWAD has barracks and apartments to house groups of training personnel, and various buildings in which to expand training in urban warfare.

The demilitarization processes currently used at HWAD are providing the Department of Defense with **safe and economical means to dispose of munitions** that are becoming unstable. In addition, various facilities and systems are in prove-out mode at the Western Area Demil Facility (WADF) to augment these processes.

As a U.S. citizen, taxpayer, wife and mother of military veterans, I have invested my life, heart, and life savings in this community for the past 25 years! One of the best reasons for living in Hawthorne is the camaraderie our patriotic citizens share in supporting the military troops, US Government, and our veterans!

I am very much a patriot, but there are economics that must be considered. The Depot employs over 550 personnel in various occupations. Many are directly involved in ammunition handling for most of their adult lives. If HWAD is closed, I fear that many will be forced to drive the **125+ miles to Reno to seek vocational rehabilitation and lose their homes while looking for jobs** that far away!

The economic domino effect will take off from there. Local businesses rely on the HWAD employees for the majority of their income. My family members include the local dentist and hygienists, a tavern owner, four relatives at the beauty shop, a bank teller, grocery clerk, deputy sheriff, a pawn shop owner, telephone lineman, and the rest work at HWAD, including myself!

In closing, I request that the BRAC commission **reconsider erasing HWAD and Hawthorne** from the face of the earth!

Sincerely,

  
JULIE A. MOSS

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(A concerned Citizen)

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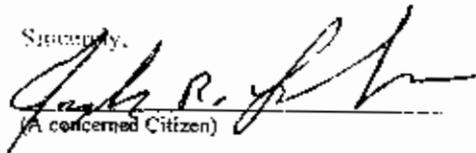
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Kara B. Gregoire

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Please rethink  
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economic loss.

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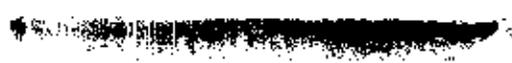
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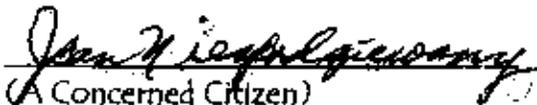
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