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Very Respectfully,



Janet Watson

BRAC Commission

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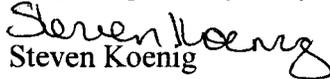
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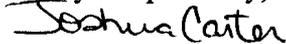
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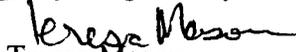
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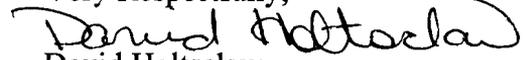
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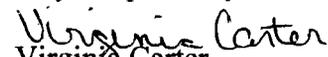
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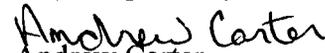
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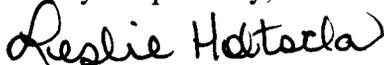
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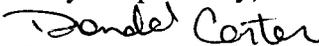
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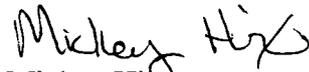
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Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman
Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent visit to NSWC Crane, CAAA and Southern Indiana. 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 realize that you have a very difficult job in deciding which activities to re-align or close as part of the BRAC process. I hope that your visit helped you to realize what important assets NSWC Crane and CAAA are to our Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism.

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) 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. 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.

Very Respectfully,

Polly A. Walker

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Dear Commissioners:

I am writing this letter to express my serious concerns with the Base Realignment And Closure (BRAC) recommendations that you are currently reviewing. It is recommended that the Crane Division of the Naval Surface Warfare Center have 672 jobs realigned to other activities.

Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division has a long history of supporting our nation's Warfighters dating back to the start of World War II in 1941. Crane has demonstrated the ability to evolve to meet the challenging and changing needs of the men and women that wear the uniform of the United States of America. Crane's employees are skilled and highly trained to provide the necessary support today and are engaged in preparing for the future Defense of our Country.

The commitment required to provide such support is in large part due to the sense of ownership Crane's employees feel about Crane and their pride in service and workmanship. Many of the employees are veterans who have supported their country through military service and have elected to return to work as civil servants or support contractors. Many employees possess technical degrees with vast knowledge and experience and have chosen to stay in the workplace past their retirement age due to their dedication to the country during this time of war and threat of terrorism. Crane's recognition as a leader in technical areas has allowed it to recruit new employees, providing the skills, knowledge, and abilities to support the current and the future warfighter.

As highlighted in the BRAC guidance, Military Value is an important criteria being used to determine where work should be performed. Many installations that are scheduled to receive work from realignments scored lower than Crane in Military Value. This concerns me, as it appears that the recommendations concerning Crane stray from the stated evaluation criteria.

Another important BRAC goal is to facilitate Joint operations. Crane is already Joint, with Crane Army Ammunition Activity and the Naval Surface Warfare Center. The two organizations work jointly on numerous tasks related to ordnance and pyrotechnics.

Other factors considered in the BRAC were environmental impact and economic impact to the local community. Crane has no environmental issues and is an exceptional neighbor. Crane is so critical to the economic health of the state that Indiana recently enacted P.L 5-2005, the Military Base Protection Act, protecting Crane from development that would adversely impact its critical missions and preventing future encroachment. The impact of Crane to the immediate surrounding area is even more acute with Crane accounting for over 30% of the direct wages in Martin County.

In summary, Crane truly exemplifies the BRAC criteria of Military Value - rapidly providing innovative, best value solutions to our nation's Warfighters. This high level of service has attracted the most demanding customers from across DoD, including USSOCOM, Navy Strategic Systems, as well as US Army and US Air Force Special Operations Commands. Crane's commitment to superior service and value has kept these customers coming back, allowing for the creation of a Joint, multi-functional set of capabilities that is unequalled in the Department of Defense (DoD).

I understand that during the hearings before your commission in St Louis that the State of Indiana presented alternatives to the current DoD recommendations. These alternatives, if accepted by

the Commission, would provide greater military value, greater return on investment and less risk as well as reducing the negative economic impact of losing nearly 700 positions. I hope that you will take these thoughts into consideration as you go about the difficult decisions on what will be best for the Department of Defense and this great Country. I most strongly support our fellow Hoosiers at Crane and their dedication to our Warfighter's mission and significant contribution to the Global War on Terror.

Thanks for your consideration, as well as for your service.

Sincerely,

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Dear BRAC Commissioners:

I will have to admit that I do not know the background into the rules/goals/guidelines for the BRAC process. But there are some things that I do know. I have worked at the Naval Support Activity Crane for 30+ years. I have been very fortunate to work at such a great place with much opportunity for growth and success. Crane has provided my husband and I with good paying jobs that allowed us to raise our three children in the same area in which he and I grew up. We were able to financially assist them through their college years. Two of them are still in this area and plan on staying here and raising their family here. We have roots here and want to remain here. However, I do support the efforts of our leadership in being smart about how our dollars are spent. In these times we need to be concerned about the economy of our country and the use of our money and resources.

I consider myself a patriotic person. I am very thankful for the country I live in and the men and women who have fought and died so that I can enjoy the freedoms I do. In return I have tried to work smartly and efficiently to assist them in the tasks that I have performed while employed at Crane. I take pride in the work I do. There are many times when I feel guilty that I am here safe and sound while my fellow Americans are putting their lives on the line for me. This just inspires me to work more diligently.

I am close to retirement age, but am not ready to retire at this time. There are many younger folks who are employed here at Crane that want to remain in this area due to their family and roots. These folks have too many years invested to have to start over and not enough years to retire. My heart goes out to these folks. I want them to be able to remain where their roots are to raise their families, and to be able to continue supporting our country and retire from Crane in the future.

The area where Crane is situated does not have much industry and opportunities for employment. The nearest large city is Bloomington. And we have seen how the factories/businesses in Bloomington have downsized/closed over the last 10 years. It has been devastating for some families. If Crane loses the 700 or so jobs that have been identified, there is no other place in the area to find employment for the job skills you have. Very few people who will potentially be impacted want to leave the area and very few will actually leave.

I guess the bottom line for me is that you reconsider relocating the 700 jobs at Crane and leave them here. I believe that Crane has shown over the years that they work smart and are always looking for and implementing methods for improvement. I could list the reasons I think they should stay, but all of this has been presented to you more than once.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter from one of the potentially impacted employees at Crane.

Respectfully submitted
Cathy Davis