

BRAC Commission

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
Defense Bas Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Re: 911th Airlift Wing Pittsburgh, PA.

Honorable Sir,

The 911th Airlift Wing is vital to our nation's defense and is in a strategic location for homeland security. Being located just a short distance west of our nations capital and of camp David, the 911th can serve as a secure landing facility or support airfield should the need ever arise. Pittsburgh is known as having world-class medical facilities and the surrounding tri-state area has proven to be an excellent recruiting area.

We believe the data used in analyzing this base's military value is flawed and does not show the whole picture. Land is not an issue at this facility! The four runways can support any and all military aircraft no matter the size. There is also additional land surrounding this facility should the need for expansion ever arise. The facilities are cost effective and the operation also hosts a variety of tenant functions, which results in taxpayer savings.

Relocating the aircraft at this facility would not best serve our military posture, nor would it result in retaining the assigned, qualified personnel who have volunteered to serve. Additional costs would be incurred at the bases that these aircraft would be assigned. It would be militarily sound for the 911th AW to be considered as part of the Joint Readiness Regional Center—combining the 99th and Charles E. Kelly Support Facility.

The 911th should not be closed! Your time and consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,

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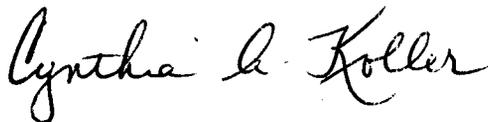
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