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Sincerely,

Cindy Smith
(A concerned Citizen)

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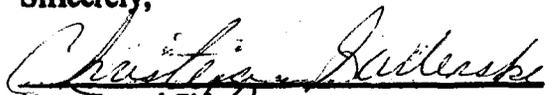
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Lisa Martin
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Buffalo, NY

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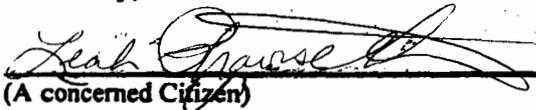
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Sincerely,

Monica M. Heaton
(A Concerned Citizen)

Monica M. Heaton
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West Seneca, NY 14224-1515
(716) 675-5163

I am a former federal employee now working in the
Private sector and do not agree with Centralization of →

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July, 2005

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It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Please note that the media are conveying to us that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

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Sincerely,

Mrs. Felicia Calabrese
(A Concerned Citizen)

Its too important to lose!
Thank you!



MRS. F. CALABRESE
127 Sabre Drive
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

(City, State, Zip)

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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the reserves?

Also, how will the Department defend the region? Will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Phyllis Hollis Robinson
(A Concerned Citizen)

81 Connelly Ave
Buffo, NY 14215

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