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RUTH ANN MINNER
GOVERNOR

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
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Arlington, VA 22202-3920

Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the entire State of Delaware, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to you and the entire Commission for reversing the Department of Defense recommendations for New Castle County Air Guard Station, located in New Castle, Delaware.

Given the large number of recommendations you had to review in such a short amount of time, your careful attention to the factual and analytical errors in the New Castle case was much appreciated. It also validated our faith in the BRAC process. The Commission's careful attention to the entire Air National Guard during the BRAC proceedings indicated the importance you placed on fulfilling your mandate to provide an objective and independent review of DoD's recommendations. As recent events have shown, unfortunately, the need for the Guard here at home is real and must be factored into any future vision of the military.

Thank you again for your service and please pass along our thanks to all of the Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ruth Ann Minner".

Ruth Ann Minner
Governor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joe Biden".

Joseph R. Biden
United States Senator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Carper".

Thomas R. Carper
United States Senator

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Castle".

Michael N. Castle
United States Representative