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Mr. James S. Hanna and Ms. Ashley Buzzell  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street  
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Arlington, VA 22202-3920

Dear Mr. Hanna and Ms. Buzzell:

On behalf of the entire State of Delaware, we would like to express our deepest thanks for your assistance in helping to ensure that the BRAC Commission received an accurate depiction of Delaware's concerns with the Department of Defense recommendations for the New Castle County Air Guard Station. Your work was central to helping the BRAC Commissioners realize not only the inaccuracies present in the data upon which DoD based its recommendations, but also the impact those recommendations would have had on our state and our country had they not been reversed.

The time you took to visit our base on July 13, 2005, along with your willingness to explain the BRAC process to us and keep us updated on scheduling and other changes, was critical to helping us make sure the BRAC Commissioners had everything they needed to make a fair decision regarding DoD's recommendations for our Air National Guard.

Though your task was an extremely difficult one, the respect you gave all of us and our staff and the professionalism with which you conducted yourselves gave us all confidence in the fairness of the process. We know that you will continue to utilize these skills in your new line of work and wish you success. Please feel free to contact us or our staff if we can ever be of assistance.

Sincerely,

Ruth Ann Minner  
Governor

Joseph R. Biden  
United States Senator

Thomas R. Carper  
United States Senator

Michael N. Castle  
United States Representative