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Anthony Principi, Chairman  
2005 Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi,

To ensure our quality of life and our regional/national security please seriously consider maintaining our present level of readiness, capability, and training at the Oregon Air National Guard,

Few things are as worthwhile as our ability to sustain a high level of alertness, responsiveness, and safety to the people of this nation.

The visibility and skill of our 142nd Fighter Wing is always a source of security and pride in the Portland Metro Area. Protecting the cities, supporting these dedicated and self-sacrificing men and women, and maintaining established and proven operations should be a high priority.

Please keep our F-15's flying overhead. We depend on them. We need them all. Maintain our present level of readiness and security, do not lessen our vital resources. Our national security is needed more than ever. These jobs are more important than most and I salute their commitment and efforts.

Also, consider what amount of resources could equal the protection our present base/reservists/airmen/guard units provide. Patrolling and controlling the airspace has the advantage.

Thank you and God Bless America.

Sincerely,



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