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Dear Art:

Please accept my sincere thanks for all your hard work during the BRAC hearings this summer. I appreciate your willingness to work closely with my office during this process and your assistance in getting information to the Commissioners.

I believe the BRAC Commission did a great service to this country by voting to remove Ellsworth Air Force Base from the closure list. I am grateful for your time and efforts toward making this a fair and reasoned process. On behalf of my constituents and me, thank you for your service. It was an honor working with you.

Kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John".

JOHN THUNE  
United States Senator

*Art, thank so much for your service  
to our nation. It was great  
working with you.*