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Dear Chairman Principi and Honorable Commissioners:

As you enter the final stages of deliberation on critical BRAC matters please accept the gratitude of all Texans for what we know has been a fair and impartial review of the DoD recommendations. Regardless of the outcome - we appreciate the dedication you have shown to our nation.

I would like to take this opportunity to express a few key points I hope you'll keep in mind during your final deliberations. These involve preserving the integrity of our national security posture during this critical time in our nation's history. In order to effectively maintain our crucial intelligence missions at their current capabilities many experts, including the Director of NSA, feel the DoD recommendation to disperse the Cryptologic Systems Group (CPSG) should be reversed and that the CPSG should remain in tact and in place with key customers at Lackland AFB.

Please take into account the following:

- Dispersal of CPSG's collocated functions, along with its unique facilities, personnel, and experience will degrade our intelligence capabilities
- COBRA data reflects a negative return on investment for the American taxpayer to move the CPSG. If you include disconnects identified since the May 13, 2005 recommendations the numbers only get worse.
- CPSG was excluded from the '95 BRAC decision to relocate Kelly AFB missions and remained in place and collocated with key intelligence and special project customers. The rationale to exclude CPSG from the '95 BRAC recommendations still exist today.
- National-level customers of CPSG have expressed concern for the integrity of their missions should the recommendation to dismantle the CPSG pass

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In light of these facts I urge you to remove the CPSG from the DoD recommendation that would realign its functions and in doing so preserve our national intelligence support structure.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Henry Bonilla". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "H".

Henry Bonilla  
Member of Congress