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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

As Chancellor of Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis (IUPUI), I am writing you in strong support of the recommendations of the United States Department of Defense to the Commission regarding consolidation of Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) employees to Indianapolis. IUPUI is a world-class research and teaching university that stands ready to assist DFAS through a consolidation of employee positions here.

IUPUI was formed in 1969 as a partnership between Indiana University and Purdue University in downtown Indianapolis. It has grown to over 29,000 students in 185 academic programs, including the Indiana University Kelley School of Business and Indiana University School of Public and Environmental Affairs. In addition to degree programs, we have a strong continuing studies program called the Community Learning Network. The CLN offers more than 900 continuing education classes to over 11,000 non-degree students every year, including a certificate program in accounting. We are well-positioned to provide continuing education and graduate professional degrees as well as baccalaureate education in support of the DFAS work force.

The expansion of DFAS-Indianapolis provides an important partnership opportunity for IUPUI. It comes at a time we are aggressively increasing our partnerships with the business and governmental communities. We have created the Solution Center to facilitate student internships and provide a single point of contact to the campus. The DFAS expansion would increase opportunities for student internships and job placement.

In turn, IUPUI is an important resource with critical strength in business and information technology, as well as being one of the nation's leading producers of health and life science degrees (we are home to Indiana's only medical school and only dental school). If we can provide assistance to DFAS please contact us. I would be happy to arrange a meeting between any Commission members and/or DFAS at the appropriate time to discuss ways IUPUI can assist.

If you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles R. Bantz".

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The Honorable Samuel Knox Skinner
BRAC Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Commissioner Skinner,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent visit to **NSWC Crane**, Crane Army Ammunition Activity, and Southern Indiana. As a concerned taxpayer I support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. I realize that you have a very difficult job in deciding which activities to re-align or close as part of the BRAC process. I hope that your visit helped you to realize what important assets **NSWC Crane** and CAAA are to our Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism.

I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not properly followed the law in developing recommendations. The DOD is required to take into account the return on investment resulting from its closure/re-alignment recommendations. Crane has become a one-stop shop for specialized weapons for our Special Forces Warfighters. Crane did this by being responsive, innovative, technically superior and affordable for these outstanding soldiers. As our reputation for delivering what the customer needed, when it was needed, at a cost that was affordable, more work was brought to us. The proposal to the commission to realign work to China Lake and Picatinny will now split the support to special forces to different locations. This will add cost, reduce efficiency and cause a loss in intellectual capital that could take years to replace.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the Return On Investment requirements of BRAC law.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue H. Talbot".

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Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman
Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Admiral Gehman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attention to the delegation from Indiana during the recent BRAC Hearing in St. Louis. I hope that the testimony helped you realize the importance of Indiana Military installations, in particular **NSWC Crane** and Crane Army Ammunition Activity, to our Nation's Defense and the Global War On Terrorism. As a concerned taxpayer I support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. I also realize that you have a very difficult job in deciding which activities to re-align or close as part of the BRAC process.

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