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2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 Jefferson Davis Highway
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Distinguished Commission Members:

I appreciate the opportunity to write to you in support of retaining the 147th Fighter Wing at Ellington Field.

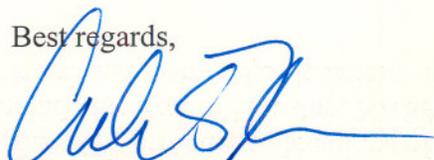
As a Houston City Council Member, I have the privilege of representing Ellington Field and the community that surrounds it. Americans in our local region and the rest of the country, depend upon the security that the 147th provides to locations of national importance and interest. These sites include the Port of Houston, NASA, petrochemical refining facilities, the Texas Medical Center and many other locations, too numerous to list in this brief letter.

On September 11, 2001, the 147th was called into action and ably assisted as first responders in defending the President of the United States of America and all that the Office of the President represents.

While I am proud to be the representative for the district in which Ellington Field is located, in all sincerity, I firmly attest that regardless of that fact, I would rise in support of the 147th for the fine service that it provides to our country. The 147th is proud to call Houston home, and Houston is proud of the protection that it provides to our community, industry and pride.

I urge you to reject the recommendation that the 147th Fighter Wing be realigned.

Best regards,


Addie Wiseman