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As the Director, Beavercreek Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I am writing on behalf of our 557 business members in support of keeping the Air Force Institute of Technology, the Development and Systems Fielding Group, and the 178<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing in the Dayton/Springfield Ohio area.

A simple calculation of math regarding the high Cost of Living in the Boston, Mass. and Monterrey, CA area would be enough to convince anyone that by moving jobs from Dayton, Ohio to either Hanscom AFB or to Monterrey, CA will cost the American taxpayer millions of dollars in wages. These are both very high cost of living areas which would also create a hardship on the personnel involved. This coupled with the fact that the research and development projects that these jobs support are all located at Wright Patterson. Why move these jobs hundreds of miles away from where they have the most impact? The Dayton area also has infrastructure in place to support the military and their families such as military hospitals, commissary, BX, housing, etc.

Another factor to consider is the huge economic impact this will have on the Dayton area and specifically on Beavercreek, Ohio. Beavercreek is a community of 40,000 citizens and is located adjacent to Wright Patterson AFB. We are also the home to many of the contractors who support these missions at the base. The businesses of the Beavercreek Chamber of Commerce depend on the many military and civilians that live and shop in this area and without these consumers can expect a huge negative economic impact. If these units are moved from Wright Patterson, we will have even more "empty storefronts" to look at.

On a personal note, my son, who is an F-16 pilot, was recently reassigned from the Toledo Air National Guard unit to the 178<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing at Springfield to be an instructor pilot. This base was upgraded to support the flying training mission through 2015. Again, by moving these jobs, we are looking at a huge waste of taxpayers money, not to mention the hardships this will create for these dedicated men and women.

Please take all of the above information into consideration when making your final decisions.

Sincerely,



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