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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi:

We are truly shocked by the decision to close the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The service and research conducted by this institute have always been at the forefront of our national priority regarding issues of concern in toxicology and environmental health. The ability of this institute to respond to such issues is truly remarkable, and in its absence I do not see any other organization to take its place. One example has been the problem of depleted uranium whose health effects have been studied by this institute.

There are many excellent scientists working at this institute, and it is untimely to close such an institute in this period of terrorism where we may be exposed to toxic agents that could be studied by scientist at this institute.

Please consider seriously the consequences and outcomes of what you are about to do.

Sincerely,

Max Costa, Ph.D.  
Professor and Chairman