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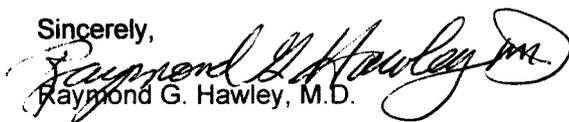
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Sincerely,

  
Raymond G. Hawley, M.D.

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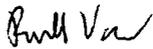
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Previously, I was a staff member and Vice Chairman of the Dept. of GYN & Breast Pathology at the AFIP. I can honestly say that the AFIP provides very important consultations and research for pathologists and patients in the U.S., as well as world-wide. Losing the AFIP would be a major disservice to the medical community.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra R Volcko".

Debra R Volcko, MT (ASCP)  
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AFIP services to the military include:

- Primary source of anatomic, clinical, and autopsy pathology referral and consultation services.
- Primary source for forensic investigation services including the Armed Forces Medical Examiner.
- Primary source of aircraft accident investigation services.
- Primary source of accident / disaster forensic investigational services
- Primary DNA identification and repository services.
- Primary source of continuing medical education for all levels of healthcare and related professionals.
- Primary custodian of world recognized tissue repository and pathology archives.

The afore mentioned services have also been provided innumerable times to the civilian community. The tissue repository is a valuable national treasure that must remain accessible to researchers and experts in laboratory medicine. Access to both archived material as well as newly acquired specimens must be preserved. Each year the AFIP issues hundreds of thousands of hours in continuing medical education to a diverse group of medical professionals through a variety of AFIP-sponsored venues including live courses, seminars and internet courses. Should the AFIP be forced to close, our nation would lose a valuable resource that plays a key role in the advancement of medicine and science. The AFIP's leadership in the area of pathology services, forensic sciences, DNA identification, education and training, and historic tissue and pathology archives would be an profound loss to both military and civilian communities.

I respectfully request that the BRAC continues to support the AFIP's existence, and rescind the closure recommendation.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Kathleen L. Nawn, MHS, MT(ASCP)  
CDR, MSC, USN-RET  
67 Berlin Street, Auburn, MA 01501

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# ASCP Action Alert:

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**Claude W Delia, MD FASCP; [Your ASCP ID is: 00338261]:**

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) has been placed on the Department of Defense's most recent base closure list. ASCP is concerned about losing the future of the tissue repository and the valuable training and education services that the AFIP provides. Over 7,400 medical and other health professionals were educated and trained in 2004. Additionally, Each year the AFIP issues hundreds of thousands of hours in continuing medical education to a diverse group of medical professionals that specialize in pathology, forensics, radiology, emerging infectious disease, renal disease, ophthalmology, and urology. At a minimum, the AFIP tissue repository must remain accessible to experts in laboratory medicine.

It would take five of the nine commissioners to remove a base from the list. The nine-member BRAC must send its recommendations on closures and realignments to the president by September 8, 2005. We need ASCP members to join us in the fight to save this valuable resource. Contact the BRAC and advocate for the removal of AFIP from the list of base closures. Follow this link to provide commentary to the BRAC commissioners. ASCP has included a sample letter with this message. You may use this letter by cutting and pasting the entire letter, or by cutting portions of the letter to supplement your personal information. Any personal insight that you provide will only aid in our effort. Please write today!  
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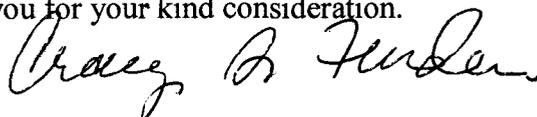
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