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The Honorable Anthony Principi
Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2321 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

I am writing to commend you and your Commission colleagues for your thoughtful approach and courageous leadership regarding the BRAC process and in particular the recommended alignment for the Defense Finance and Accounting Services Centers.

As a businessman, civic volunteer and an alum of the Joint Civilian Orientation Conference, I was surprised to learn of the DFAS Cleveland recommendation. The recommendation surprised me because I always thought the Department of Defense placed a high priority on excellence and efficiency. I was pleased to read the BRAC Commission recognizes that Cleveland was not given a fair look and that the criteria used may not be the most valid way to evaluate DFAS Centers.

I'm confident that upon further DFAS Cleveland will prove to be a center of excellence and a center that positions the DoD to most efficiently serve members of our Armed Forces. Furthermore, the Greater Cleveland area provides fertile ground for the future human infrastructure of DFAS.

Again, my sincere thanks to you, your colleagues and commission staff for your leadership to provide an unbiased, independent assessment and clear 'eye of reality check' on DoD's proposals for restructuring the infrastructure supporting our armed forces.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Rob Reynolds', written in a cursive style.