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Commissioners
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, Va. 22202

Dear Commissioners:

As Maryland's second oldest and twentieth largest municipality we are eagerly anticipating the change to partner with the Department of Defense as it implements the recommendations of the Commission. Aberdeen Proving Ground has played a significant role in our community for the past 88 years and we look forward to making that stronger.

Havre de Grace is home to Havre de Grace High School, a National School of Excellent. It is the host of the second most prestigious event on the LPGA tour. It is ideally located at the mouth of the Susquehanna River and the headwaters of the Chesapeake Bay.

More importantly plans are underway to build over 3000 new houses in the next seven years. These houses will become homes of the many of the civilians who will relocate to Harford County with the BRAC realignment – and all are only ten minutes from APG's main gate.

We look forward to working with you.

Cordially,

David R. Craig
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MAYOR

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