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Washington, DC 20515-1013

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BRAC Commission

The Honorable James H. Bilbray  
Defense Base Closure  
and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Alexandria, VA 22202

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Dear Commissioner Bilbray,

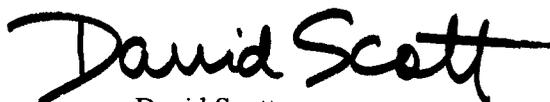
I am writing to thank you for participating in the BRAC Commission Regional Hearing in Atlanta, Georgia on June 30, 2005 regarding the recommendation to close two Atlanta area Army bases: Fort Gillem in Forest Park, Georgia and Fort McPherson in East Point, Georgia.

As you already know, Fort Gillem is home to 89 organizations including the First U.S. Army, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Recruiting Brigade, the Army Air Force Exchange Service Atlanta Distribution Center, the Atlanta Military Entrance Processing Station, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Military Police Group. Fort Gillem is also the logistical base for the Army in Atlanta and it is home to the Army's only criminal investigation forensic lab, which will move into a new \$29 million facility in February, 2005. Fort McPherson is a premier Army installation in a world-renowned city. Fort McPherson, situated on 487 acres since 1885, has been an important military post, home today to U.S. Army Forces Command, the Third U.S. Army, the U.S. Army Reserve Command, and the South East Region of the Installation Management Agency. Both of these facilities work together as one installation and offer numerous other advantages beyond its existing base infrastructure, excellent quality of life in Atlanta, and superior community support.

More than just a headquarters and distribution center, Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson are great assets to the city of Atlanta and the state of Georgia. I am proud of the fact that Georgia is home to Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson, but I am particularly proud that the installation is a highly-efficient, cost-effective resource in support of our national defense. Following the recent announcement of the list of recommended base closures, there has been a renewed focus to save Forts Gillem and McPherson. As the BRAC Commission advances its work with respect to the 2005 BRAC process, I appreciate your efforts to learn more about these important facilities since they are necessary for our national defense and they make a direct contribution to the well-being of the men and women in the armed services.

I look forward to working with you to ensure that the assets and military value of Fort Gillem and Fort McPherson are carefully evaluated and protected.

Most respectfully,



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