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Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
 2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
 Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Mr. Chairman:

In the months ahead, you and your team will be faced with the monumental task of ensuring that the recommendations received by you, and ultimately made by you to the President, are in the best interests of the country. We wish you much success in that mission. One of your tasks will be to examine the accuracy of the various evidence you received. Therefore, we are requesting time with you, or one of your Commissioners and Analysts, sometime in the next 10 days to share with you our concerns about some of the data you received. After that, we recognize that you and the BRAC members will be spending an inordinate amount of time on the road conducting your review.

The recently released Department of Defense list regarding the 2005 Round of BRAC unfortunately included several facilities that Day & Zimmermann currently is involved with. After review of the recommendations, we believe that a grievous error was made by the Department when they included three of the facilities in particular on their closure list. Specifically, we believe there were errors in data collection regarding:

- Hawthorne Army Ammunition Depot, Hawthorne, NV
- Kansas Army Ammunition Plant, Parsons, KS, and
- Lone Star Army Ammunition Plant, Texarkana, TX.

There were several glaring omissions of data and analytical errors in their calculations that need to be corrected. We firmly believe that once these errors in DoD's premises are corrected, the wisdom of retaining these facilities will be fully recognized. Therefore, we request your help in ensuring an opportunity for Day & Zimmermann to share with an analyst and, hopefully, with a BRAC Member our concerns and facts. We believe we can make a solid and persuasive case on behalf of these facilities, but will need approximately 60 minutes for each presentation (3 hours total) in the next 10 days at your Arlington offices. I hope you will work with us to identify such time in the days ahead.

We look forward to working with the BRAC to ensure that the interests of both the taxpayer and the warfighter are well served. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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