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Dayton Development Coalition

A Partnership For Regional Growth

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

Dear Mr. Principi:

On behalf of the communities of Monterey, California, and Dayton, Ohio, we are writing to express our joint support for maintaining the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) in Monterey, California, and the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) on Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio. We both believe the two schools offer critical military value to the Department of Defense and to the Navy and Air Force, respectively. That value would be significantly compromised by closure or by consolidation through either of the two scenarios under consideration by the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission.

Both AFIT and NPS have distinguished histories of serving the graduate education needs of the Department of Defense. Both schools have outstanding facilities and faculty which could not be moved or duplicated easily. Both schools provide defense-focused education tailored to meet unique defense requirements and which is not offered by civilian institutions.

In recent years, NPS and AFIT have taken steps to reduce duplication and consolidate functions on a case-by-case basis to reduce costs and improve efficiency in the overall graduate education programs of the Department of Defense. We support this process and believe that a continued effort in this direction is the proper approach to achieve the improved military value, efficiencies, and cost reductions that the Commission seeks.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Albert'.

Dan Albert
Mayor
City of Monterey

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'John P. Nauseef'.

JP Nauseef
President and CEO
Dayton Development Coalition