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Donna M. Amyczynski  
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211 Hamlin Ave.  
(address)

East Aurora, NY 14052  
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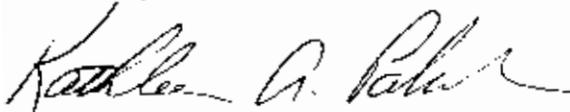
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*Robert and Carol Blom*

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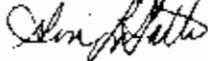
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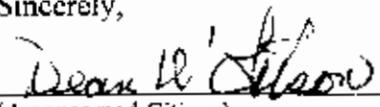
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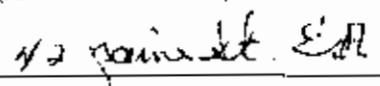
Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

  
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(A concerned Citizen)

  
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*John Adams*  
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MARCIA FRASIER  
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N.Y 14120

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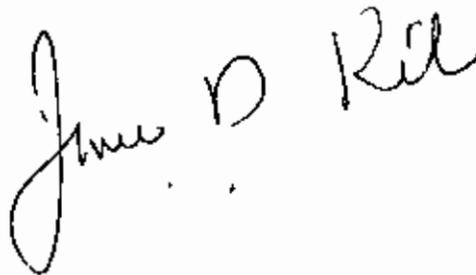
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Gregory A. Furdke

Beverly A. Furdke

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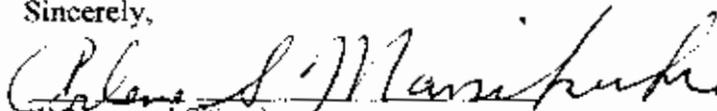
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CLAYTON CENTER, NY 14032

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Mrs. Mary Szabo  
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*Arlene Slief*

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*Lewiston, NY 14092*

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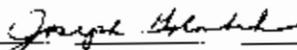
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 **Joseph Golombek**  
51 Wyandotte Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
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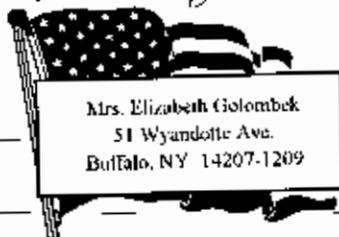
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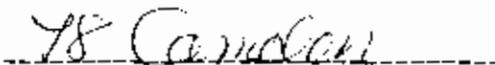
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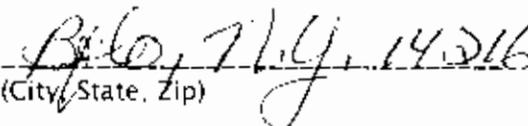
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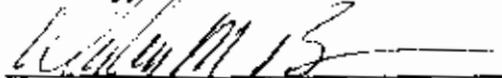
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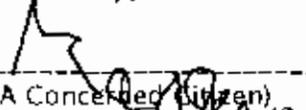
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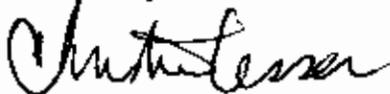
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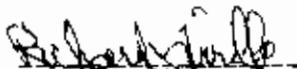
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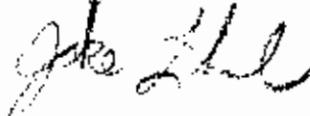
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Jake Linkowski

1215 Saunders Settlement Rd.

Niagara Falls, NY 14305

June 6th, 2005

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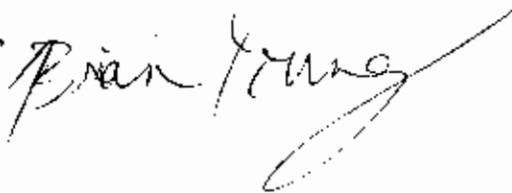
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*Virginia Munger*  
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280 East St

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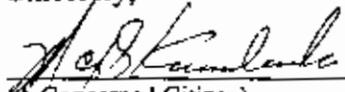
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11 COTTAGE STREET

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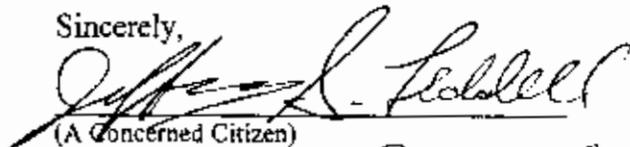
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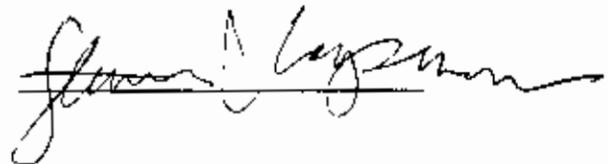
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534 Birchwood Sq. Apt 4  
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**1103 AURORA ST. APT 2**  
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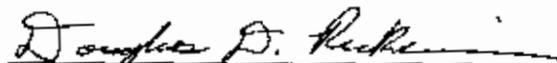
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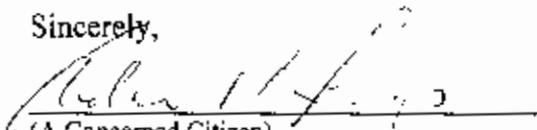
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A. FAYE

Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14305

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Clarence NY

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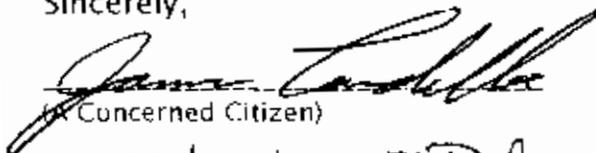
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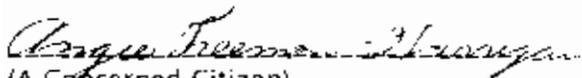
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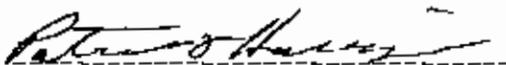
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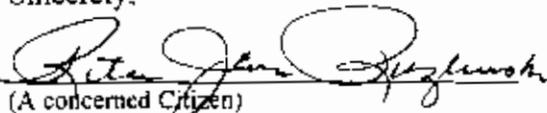
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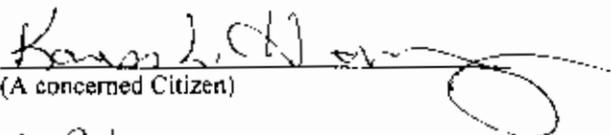
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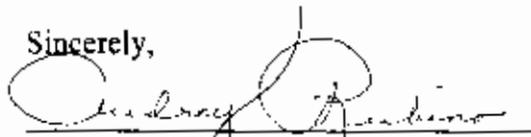
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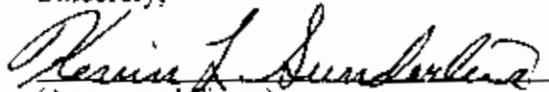
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Sincerely,

  
(A concerned Citizen)

9280 WARNER GOLF RD

HOLLAND, NY 14080

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**BRAC Commission  
Received**  
6/17/2005

6/6/05

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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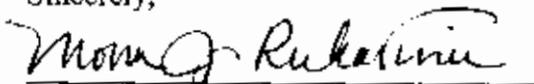
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5095 CLARICE DR.  
HAMBURG, NY 14075

6/14/2005

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Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

  
(A Concerned Citizen)

1670 Caravelli St.

Niagara Falls, NY 14304

**BRAC Commission**

**Reception**

6/14/2005

Patricia Guarasci

submit: Send Letter

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6/14/2005

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(A Concerned Citizen)

423-Third St.  
Youngstown, NY 14174  
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**BRAC Commission****Decision**

6/14/2005

**From:** (Charlotte L. Sanders)  
**Date:** 05/27/05 17:54:25  
**To:** info@nimac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
Charlotte L. Sanders () on Friday, May 27, 2005 at 17:54:24

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address1: 1551 Wehrle Dr.

city: Williamsville

state: New York

zip: 14221

comments:

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,

<< ENTER YOUR NAME HERE >>Charlotte L. Sanders

**BRAC Commission****RECEIVED**

6/14/2005

**From:** (Lynne E. Slepian)  
**Date:** 05/29/05 23:09:27  
**To:** info@nimac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
Lynne E. Slepian () on Sunday, May 29, 2005 at 23:09:25

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address1: 187 Roxbury Park

city: East Amherst

state: New York

zip: 14051

comments:

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,

Lynne E. Slepian

403 Main St., Suite 430  
Buffalo, NY 14203  
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BRAC Commission

Decision



Lumsden & McCormick, LLP  
Certified Public Accountants

Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am very concerned by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

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Sincerely,

  
Mary Young

6/14/2005

6/9/05

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Sincerely,

Gerald L. Truesdale  
(A Concerned Citizen)

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*I voted for George W. Bush in the 2000 and 2004 elections. However, I do find it interesting that the red states, which are the ones that George carried in November have no base closures. But the blue states which Kerry carried do have the base closures.*

June 1, 2005

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,

*Wm. C. Rolland*  
(A Concerned Citizen)

*William Rolland*

*Mrs. Wm. C. Rolland*

W. C. ROLLAND

*3215 Creek Rd.*

*Youngstown, NY 14174*

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*(716) 745-3462*

6990 Northview Drive  
Lockport, New York 14094

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June 7, 2005

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Also, how will the Department defend the region, one of the key resources for low-cost hydropower and one of the major entry border crossing points for foreign immigration and trade, and how will the Guard respond to regional man-made or natural disasters, when they occur after these massive cuts?

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Sincerely,

  
David Tobin

**BRAC Commission**  
**Received**  
6/13/2005

May 2005

BRAC Commission  
Washington DC.  
c/o NIMAC  
P.O. Box 231  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

*Michelle L. Kuper*  
5-27-05

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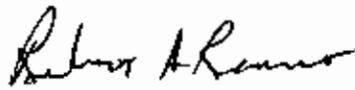
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ROBERT ROMEO  
LACKAWANNA NY

6/13/2005

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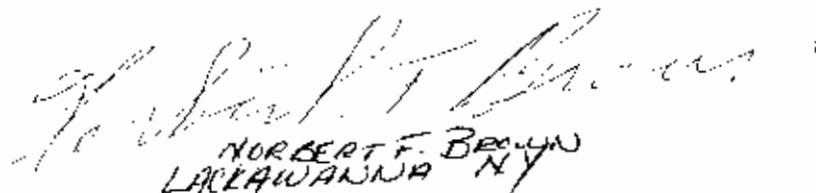
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LACRAWANNA NY

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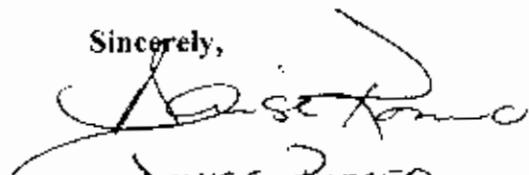
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DENISE ROMEO  
LACKAWANNA NY

May 2005

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May 2005  
6/13/2005

Sue and Harold Barnes  
3473 Youngstown/Lockport Rd  
Ransomville, New York 14131

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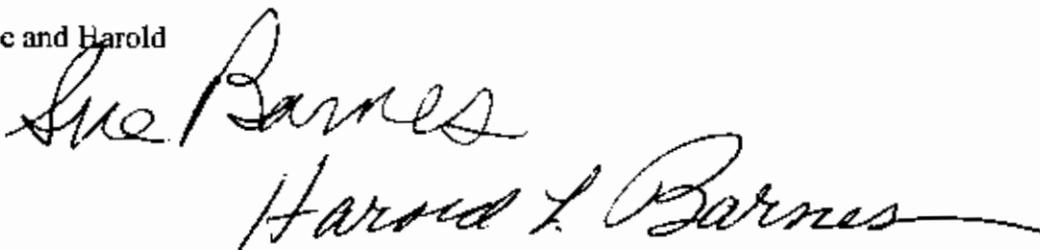
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Sincerely,

Sue and Harold



Sue Barnes  
Harold L. Barnes

Mary S. Bluff  
6797 Ward Road  
Wheatfield, NY 14304

May 2005

**BRAC Commission**  
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**Sincerely,**

*Mary S. Bluff*

20 May 2005  
6/13/2005

MSgt Steven S. Patterson  
2425 Johnson Street, Bldg 207  
Niagara Falls, ARB, NY 14304

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Sincerely,  
Steven Patterson



May 2005

Your Name and Address

MARIE OBLAMSKI  
407 DAK ST.  
YOUNGSTOWN, NY  
14174

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*Marie Oblamski*

June 2005

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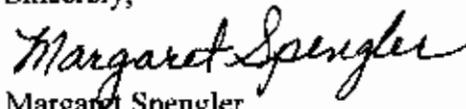
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Margaret Spengler  
12603 Jennings Rd.  
Lawtons, NY 14091

May 2005

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Sincerely,

Deborah Ruzala  
72 Lee Street  
Depew, NY 14043

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**JACK E. GALLAGHER**  
*Mayor*

**DONALD WITKOWSKI**  
*Administrator*

**JEANETTE A. HARMON**  
*Executive Secretary*

May 25, 2005

BRAC Commission  
Washington DC  
c/o NIMAC  
P.O. Box 231  
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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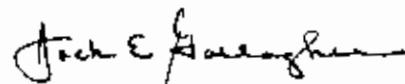
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(Niagara Falls Air Base cont.)

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I would be remiss if I did not mention the tragic economic impact it would have on an already economically distressed area such as we have in Western New York. The repercussions would be immeasurable. I trust you will think seriously about the factors involved and not strike another blow to Western New York

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jack E. Gallagher".

Jack E. Gallagher  
Mayor

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,

Enrico Provalone  
(A Concerned Citizen)

2014 Grand Ave  
NF, NY 14301

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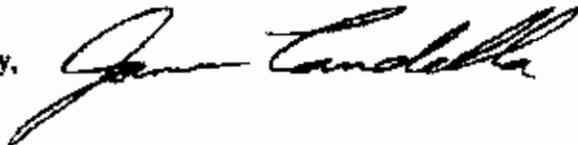
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1091 Sweeney Street  
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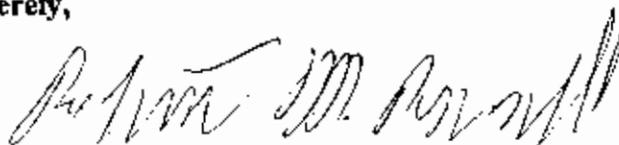
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*Conrad Burt*  
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*Williamsville, NY*  
*14221*

Kathleen A. Stelter  
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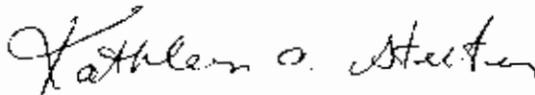
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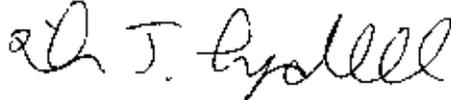
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Nicholas J. Lyde II

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*Sharon V. Hazden*

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Jacklyn DiSalvo  
49 Kaufman Road  
Ckg New York 14225

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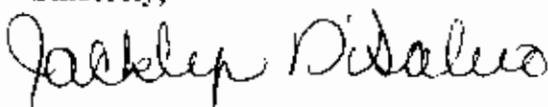
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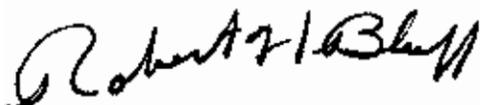
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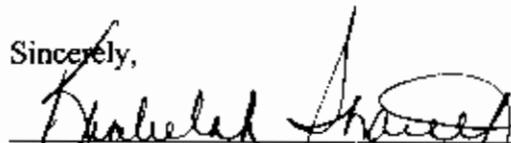
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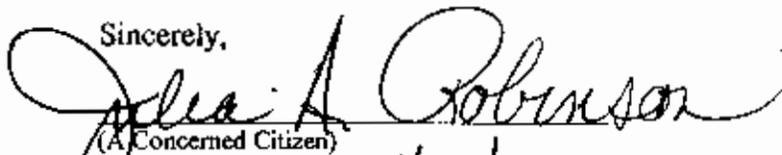
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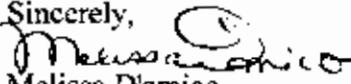
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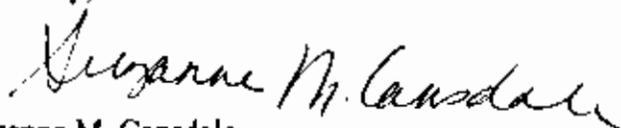
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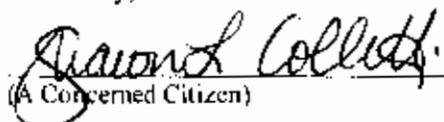
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Subject: Base Closure -- Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

Dear Sir or Madam:

I join with numerous business colleagues to share with you our disappointment and concern that Pentagon has recommended closure of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Niagara Falls, New York. The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is the home of the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve and the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, New York Air National Guard. Depleting their combat readiness at this critical time when our military arsenal is experiencing serious shortages and overuse of resources appears to be contrary to effective and efficient military planning.

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Currently, the Niagara Air Reserve Station houses two proven and combat ready air units at a reasonable return on investment to the Department of Defense. Hopefully, on your Commission visit to our area, you will carefully evaluate the data made available to you and make a conscientious evaluation before finalizing your work.

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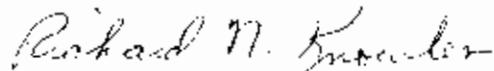
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Richard N. Knowles".

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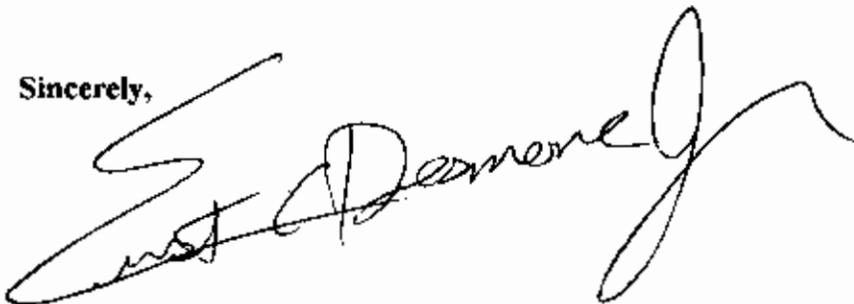
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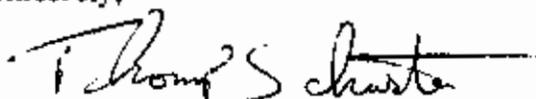
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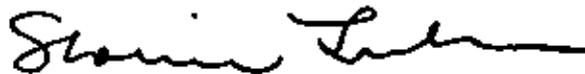
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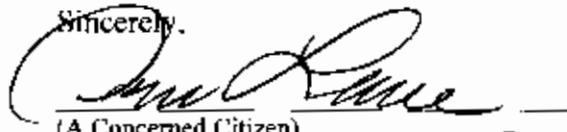
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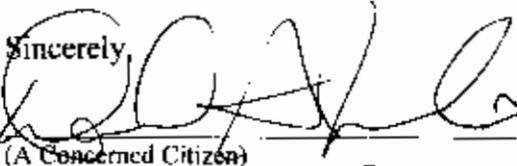
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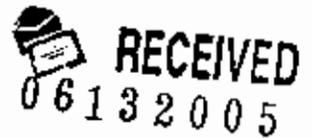
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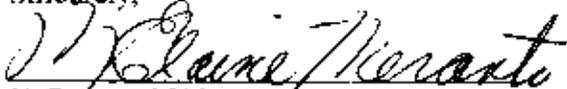
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Sincerely,

Mrs. & Mrs. Martin A. Shumard  
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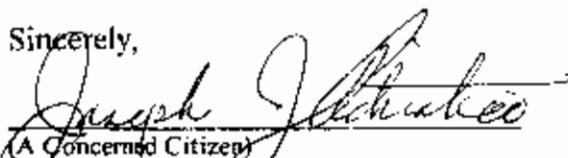
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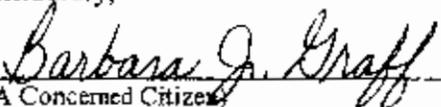
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Sincerely,

Laura Skalmich  
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- The federal government has invested more than \$35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
- Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base eliminates the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate eight (8) additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

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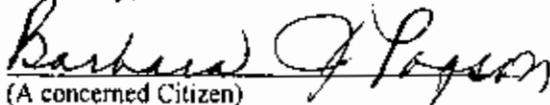
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Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

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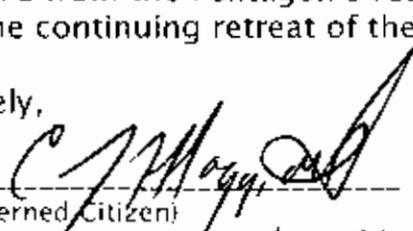
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