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The Honorable Anthony Principi
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, Virginia 22202Re: W.K. Kellogg Air National Guard Base Closure
Battle Creek, Michigan

Dear Sir:

I'm writing to urge the commission to reconsider the decision to close the above stated base. Our position is as a vendor to the base for construction services. We have built several facilities and employed many tradesman in the process, all earning excellent incomes. The construction project employed nearly 60 tradesman throughout the job. A \$10,000,000.00 Munitions facility was just completed, which is a state of the art project. In fact, bases from all over the United States are calling the base to request information about function and process of the Munitions project. The project was so unique to Michigan, it was awarded a Build Michigan Award by the AGC. Another project just completed is the complete renovation of an existing Hangar. The old building was stripped to bare steel and reconstructed meeting the latest and most stringent of requirements for the Air National Guard.

If the commission visited the base, they would find a modern Air National Guard Base with nearly all new buildings and runways. In fact, the longest runway in the State is here and it accommodates Air Force One for visits to West Michigan.

In summary, closing of this base would be a huge squander of money, not savings, in trained personnel, new facilities, and a loss of substantial income to the Battle Creek/Kalamazoo area. On behalf of all the vendors and their employees, we urge you to reconsider and keep this base open.

Sincerely,

David L. Docsa, P.E.
Vice President