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Commissioners
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioners:

We are proud and appreciative of our close working relationship with our neighbors at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The Post is a significant part of the fabric of our community; and we heartily endorse the Department of Defense's recommendations regarding APG. The knowledge that the installation will become an even stronger and more vital part of our community and nation's defense is welcome.

We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to work with the Department of Defense to implement the recommendations. When the final decisions on Base Realignment and Closure are made, our community will work closely with the Garrison Command to ensure a smooth transition and successful completion of these significant changes.

We are poised to respond to the needs of the Department of Defense to strengthen our national defense through the BRAC process.

Sincerely,

DOUGLAS S. WILSON
Mayor