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Anthony Principi
Chairman the BRAC Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi:

We are writing this letter as parents of military personnel who are dedicated to protecting our country, and as concerned citizens with family in the Pacific Northwest where our borders are crucially in need of monitoring.

Our specific concern is regarding the Department of Defense recommendation for realignment of the Portland, Oregon Air National Guard Base.

As you know, Sir, this is home to the 142nd Fighter Wing. Geographically speaking these F15 Eagles - on 24 hour alert - provide continuous air defense and superior capabilities as part of the North American Air Defense System patrolling air space from the Canadian Border south to the California Border. No other base in the Pacific Northwest can cover this all important range.

Therefore Sir, for the security and well-being of our citizens and their families in the Pacific Northwest and indeed across the nation it seems imperative that this base and fighter wing remain intact and one hundred percent operative.

We, therefore, respectfully request your careful consideration and positive action in this all important matter.

Sincerely,

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