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May 5, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi  
Chairman, 2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark Street, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Re: 2005 BRAC Regional Hearing

Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the State of Illinois I would like to extend an offer to you and your staff to assist with preparation for the upcoming round of base closure and realignment hearings.

As you may know, during the last round of base closures in 1995, a regional hearing was held in the Chicagoland area at the Allstate Arena in Rosemont. Allstate Arena is an ideal location to hold such a hearing as it is immediately adjacent to O'Hare Airport and near several fine hotels and restaurants. Given the accessibility of the Chicago market, it would certainly make sense to hold another regional hearing in the area this year.

If you chose to hold a regional hearing in Chicago – or anywhere in Illinois - please let me know and my staff would be happy to assist with preparation.

Sincerely,

Rod R. Blagojevich  
Governor