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2005 Defense Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Committee,

I write in regard to the realignment plans for Eielson Air Force Base in Alaska in particular and the entire plan in general.

I believe the plan for Eielson should go forward – in spite of the local hue and cry of doom for the local economy.

I proudly served my country on active duty for more than 22 years and would do it all over again if I could. Now in my 76<sup>th</sup> year I'm more liability than asset but I believe the BRAC plan was conceived in good faith and best interest of the country. I do hope that congressional meddling and pleading of singular minded people of our local communities will not influence the committee.

Sincerely,

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