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Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear Sir:

I am writing to you regarding the BRAC decision to close Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. I believe you have made a terrible error in judgment. Fort Monmouth is the Army's center for research and development (R&D) in communications, electronics, and network-centric warfare.

I am trying not to panic since hearing Secretary Rumsfeld's recommendation to close the Fort. Closing Fort Monmouth will not only damage our national security and jeopardize the safety and effectiveness of the men and woman serving our country, but it will destroy the lives of thousands of individuals who support the mission by being employed here at Fort Monmouth. The closing of the Fort will destroy hundreds of businesses in the local area and devastate most of Monmouth County. This devastation will take years, if not decades to recover.

I take pride in being a part of a highly educated and skilled workforce. The human capital we have here in New Jersey will not transfer to other bases. The expertise of this workforce cannot be replaced if the Fort's assets are relocated outside of New Jersey.

~~US~~ ~~begin to explain what this decision will do to~~
liveliness, our family, our property. I urge you to reconsider and remove Fort Monmouth, New Jersey off of the base closure list.

Sincerely,

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