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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman, Commission on Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)  
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

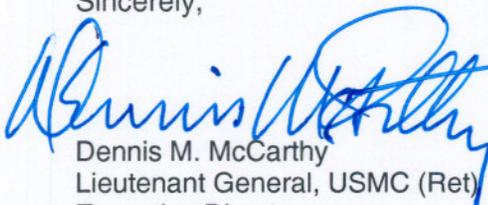
The Guard and Reserve Associations that represent over one million Guard and Reserve members in the United States Armed Forces, would like to meet with you to discuss the impact of the BRAC announcement on our country and the men and women serving our country.

The closures and realignments included in the list give us concern on what factors were used to make the decision and what role the Reserve Components would continue to serve in our national security. Neither the Quadrennial Defense Review or the Guard and Reserve Commission directed by Congress have been completed. Detailing installation requirements before defining national security as affected by the war on terrorism suggests a disconnect.

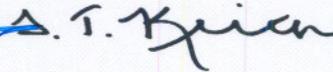
The Department of Defense insists BRAC is not a force structure issue but retiring equipment, changing missions, decommissioning units and moving units from one state to another does change force configuration. At a recent meeting Chairman Hunter of the House Armed Services Committee was asked if the legislative impact to personnel provisions had been submitted as part of BRAC. Hunter said that nothing had reached his committee, even though the committee was finalizing their report for next year's issues, he said that nothing had reached his committee. These types of considerations should have been included as part of BRAC.

The military associations of the Guard and Reserve would like to meet with the BRAC Commission to provide further information on these issues and several others. We can be reached at 202-646-7706 or by fax at 202-479-0416. Thank you for your consideration of our request.

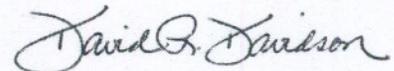
Sincerely,



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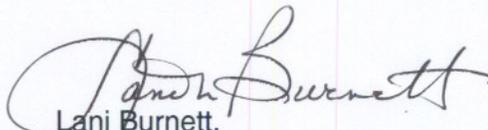
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