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BRAC Commissioners,

Subject: Ft. Monmouth

I watched the Pentagon testimony regarding the closure of Ft. Monmouth this weekend on C-Span. We are very grateful to have your Commission to take an objective view of the BRAC proposal. It's a shame the Pentagon and top Officials can't see past the Politics and Money topics, the War and supporting the War fighter and Homeland Security, protecting the New York/New Jersey area should come first. While Secretary Harvey was making his statement "We will never ever have a situation where we jeopardize the war fighter" four American Soldiers were killed in Afghanistan bringing the number of Soldiers killed to seven and many injured in a three day period. The equipment Ft. Monmouth is fielding and supporting on a daily basis, is the equipment needed to prevent such tragedies. I would like to thank the Commission and Commissioner Coyle for investigating the Ft. Monmouth mission, it is apparent that Secretary Harvey is not familiar with the mission and how or where the equipment and systems are tested. Commissioner Coyle was 100% correct when he stated that Ft. Monmouth uses Ft. Hood and Ft. Huachuca for testing and training, Ft. Dix located in New Jersey, is also used.

Another very critical issue is the Homeland Security and Anti Terrorism effort on going with the New York/New Jersey Port Authority. Ft. Monmouth is providing equipment which is vital in protecting the New York/New Jersey Air, Train (including subways) Tunnels and Bridges. Ft. Monmouth was instrumental in establishing communications on 9/11 when the World Trade Towers collapsed. The last Terror Alert included New York and New Jersey locations. The Tri State area needs the security Ft. Monmouth provides at its present location.

Please look past the Politics and allow Ft. Monmouth to continue its support and protection of the War Fighter and surrounding Communities.

Thank you again and God Bless,  
Ray Billings