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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of Fairfax County, I request that the 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC Commission) schedule a regional hearing in Northern Virginia.

If the Commission's recommendations are implemented as proposed, Northern Virginia is going to sustain both the largest single loss of jobs nationally, with over 23,000 jobs cut from Arlington County and the City of Alexandria, and the single largest addition of net new jobs, with the addition of 18,000 jobs at Fort Belvoir and its Engineering Proving Ground (EPG) in Fairfax County. The BRAC Report grouped the entire District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia together in its economic analysis, which does not adequately reflect the magnitude of the impact to the Northern Virginia region. While it is appreciated that Governor Warner and the Virginia U.S. Senators and Congressman Moran were invited to listen to the briefings on Defense Department leased space, State and local officials should have full access to the range of data used to formulate the BRAC recommendations.

Again I urge, on behalf of the Board of Supervisors, that the BRAC Commission schedule a regional hearing in Northern Virginia. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Yours truly,

Gerald E. Connolly, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

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