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Anthony Principi, Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission c/o  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Chairman Principi,

I am writing today to lend my support for the continued funding of Fairchild Air Force Base.

I spent six (6) years on the board of directors of the Spokane Area Economic Development Council. Business retention played a key role in our day to day efforts. With Fairchild Air Force Base contributing in excess of five (5) hundred million dollars to our economy annually it would be nearly impossible to replace it in the foreseeable future if Fairchild were to close. We have an excellent relationship with Fairchild and want them here.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this important matter. Your decisions will play a vital role in the economic future of Washington State.

Sincerely,



D. Lane Guin, Former Chairman  
Spokane Area Economic Development Council

Cc: Commander Anthony Mauer, Fairchild Air Force Base  
Rich Hadley, Spokane Area Chamber  
Jon Eliassen, Spokane Area EDC