

DEAR SIR OR MADAM

I HAVE READ MANY LETTERS CONCERNING THE PROPOSAL OF CLOSING THE NIAGARA FALLS AIR RESERVE STATION. THE NUMEROUS REASONS FOR REJECTING THE BRAC'S PROPOSALS ALL HAVE EXTREM MERIT & SHOULD NOT BE IGNORED. HAVING SPENT 41 YEARS IN THE MILITARY (NAVY & AIRFORCE) I FULLY APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF THE GUARD & RESERVE IN THE TOTAL FORCE CONCEPT. ONE THING I HAVE NOT READ ABOUT IS THE IMPACT THIS WOULD HAVE ON ALL WESTERN N.Y. IN REGARDS TO FUTURE MILITARY MANNING & OPPORTUNITIES. THIS WOULD INCLUDE NOT ONLY NEW RECRUITMENTS (NOW LOW) BUT THE ABILITY OF PRIOR SERVICE PERSONNEL TO MAINTAIN A MILITARY READINESS IN THE GUARD OR RESERVE, BE IT PART TIME OR FULL TIME STATUS. WITH THE EMPHASIS ON GUARD & RESERVE TO IMPLEMENT ACTIVE DUTY WAR TIME MEASURES, IT APPEARS THIS BASE IS WELL POSITIONED FOR TRAINING AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. WITH ALL THE NEW CONSTRUCTION INCLUDING THE (MEPS) MILITARY ENTRANCE PROCESSING SITE IT WOULD SEEM THIS BASE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED FOR EXPANSION, NOT CLOSING.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

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