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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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WE IN THE UPPER N.Y. STATE AREA  
HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN WE WOULD BE AT  
THE TOP OF THE LIST FOR AN ENEMY  
TO CONSIDER A PRIME TARGET  
TO CRIPPLE THE UNITED STATES  
AND CANADA. WE NEED  
AN AIR FORCE  
BASE HERE.

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and remove them from the closure list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

I AM ALMOST 80YRS. OLD AND I AM TOTALLY SHOCKED AT THE STUPIDITY OF THIS DECISION.  
All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

(A concerned Citizen)

Janis M. Feldhousen

THE IMPACT OF THIS DECISION  
TO CLOSE THE BASE WOULD BE DEVASTATING  
TO THE WHOLE COUNTRY BECAUSE OF THE  
GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION!  
SAFETY OF THE EASTERN COAST CITIES

We are especially vulnerable to being a target by the enemy because of the power plants of Electricity going out daily to all the Eastern Coast cities and into all of Canada from the Niagara Falls.

Also we need extra protection and help because of being one of the largest border cities where people come in and out of the country.