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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Commission Chair
2005 Defense Base Closure
and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Sir:

I am writing to urge you to keep the Cleveland DFAS pay center open.

We have a wonderful person in Gary Moore who answers 120-150 calls a day from our servicemen in Iraq and Afghanistan.

He worries about the disruption it will cause them if the Cleveland DFAS is closed, and the government has to train new people to handle the calls.

Our soldiers are out there on the front lines. You don't know how long they are going to be there or if they will make it back home.

Gary goes the extra mile because he knows what soldiers go through. He served in the Army for 34 months, 15 in Vietnam. He is one of 1,200 reasons not to close the Cleveland DFAS pay center.

Our servicemen are getting the best in Gary.

On good days returning soldiers call and he gets to say Welcome Home. — On bad days he hears from widows.

And once again, I urge you to keep the Cleveland DFAS pay center open.

The ripple effect on restaurants and businesses would be homfer in Cleveland which has been designated the poorest big city in America.

Sincerely,

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