



DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION  
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*July 27, 2005*

*The Honorable Michael W. Wynne  
Chairman, Infrastructure Steering Group  
3010 Defense Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-3010*

*Dear Secretary Wynne:*

*I invite you to appear before the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission on August 11, 2005 to hear your constructive comments regarding the 2005 BRAC Air National Guard recommendations. It is incumbent upon this Commission to ensure that the Department of Defense's closure and realignment recommendations, especially those pertaining to the Air National Guard, do not undermine the unique mission responsibilities of the Department of Homeland Security. The Commission strongly believes that our nation's senior civilian and military leadership will not be able to develop a responsible solution to the issues surrounding the Air Guard without significant input from the Department of Defense's BRAC Infrastructure Steering Group. In this regard, we anticipate holding two separate panels. The first panel will be comprised of you or your representative, the Department of Homeland Security, and U.S. Northern Command. The second panel will be comprised of the U.S. Air Force, the National Guard Bureau, and a representative from the Adjutants General Association of the United States.*

*The Commission would appreciate receiving confirmation of your attendance, as well as a copy of your unclassified statement for the record, in hard copy and electronic format (CD), by noon on Friday, August 5, 2005. My point of contact for this hearing is my Executive Director, Charles Battaglia, at 703-699-2952.*

*Sincerely,*

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anthony J. Principi".

*Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman*

**Chairman:** Anthony J. Principi

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**Executive Director:** Charles Battaglia