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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the University of Cincinnati, I would like to express our support of the recommendations by the Secretary of Defense to the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission to move aerospace medical and human effectiveness organizations from Brooks City-Base, Texas, to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio.

In coordination with the Southwest Ohio region, I would like to assure you that we have the resources and relationships to fulfill the needs of the Air Force and support the future of the Air Force in Ohio. Our relationship has already resulted in enormous advances in both military and civilian trauma/critical care that would not otherwise have been possible.

As one of only three sites in the United States for U.S. Air Force CSTAR training, the University of Cincinnati's College of Medicine and University Hospital already have strong established relationships with the Air Force. Through this collaborative training platform, UC faculty partners with the Air Force to provide invaluable training to physicians, nurses and others in trauma and critical care in preparation for field assignment. This work is a top need identified by the Air Force in light of shrinking military assets in these fields. The move of additional aerospace medical programs to southwest Ohio would serve to further invest in this partnership, which through 2004 has already trained 75 military providers, 40 of which were subsequently deployed overseas for Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom.

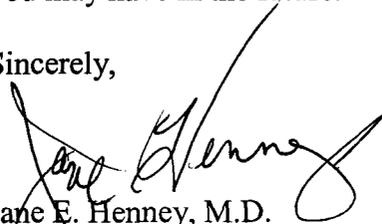
UC has and will continue to assess opportunities to leverage our scientific, technical, academic, medical resources and expertise to support the work now being accomplished by the Brooks City-Base organizations. We realize that the ability to link analogous research with access to resources readily available is imperative in order to reduce disruption of Air Force programs during the transition from Texas to Ohio and will help relieve personal strain.

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Through our community partnership, the University of Cincinnati looks forward to building even stronger relationships with the Air Force to help them fulfill unmet military needs. Building upon successes with CSTARS, UC's Genome Research Institute, and outstanding medical and research resources, we look forward to working with the Air Force in a greater capacity in the coming years.

Please feel free to use the University of Cincinnati as a resource for any questions or concerns you may have in the future.

Sincerely,



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