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The Honorable Anthony Principi  
Chairman  
Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark St., Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

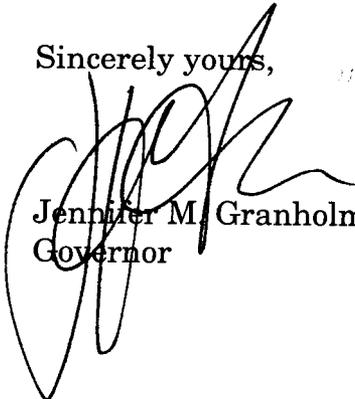
I would like to begin by thanking you for allowing Michigan to participate in the BRAC regional hearing in St. Louis June 20, 2005. This will provide two Michigan facilities, the Army Garrison at Selfridge Air National Guard base and Kellogg Air National Guard base in Battle Creek, an opportunity to make their case for why they should remain open and retain the 574 jobs they are slated to lose.

Even with an opportunity to participate in the regional hearing, it nonetheless critical that BRAC Commissioners visit both the Army Garrison at Selfridge Air National Guard base and Kellogg Air National Guard base. Only by visiting these facilities will the BRAC Commission be able to fulfill its mandate to make an independent review and analysis of the Department of Defense's BRAC recommendations. Therefore, I strongly request that both facilities receive a visit by a Commission member.

I would also like to request an opportunity to meet with you personally to discuss the affects of the BRAC recommendations on Michigan's facilities.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely yours,

  
Jennifer M. Granholm  
Governor

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