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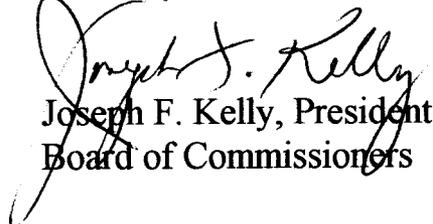
Dear Sir:

I am writing to advise you officially that, as President of the Board of Commissioners of Haverford Township, Pennsylvania, I do not agree with the Department of Defense recommendation for the closure of the Willow Grove Naval Air Joint Reserve Base.

With its 8,000 foot runway, all weather capability, extensive maintenance/ramp facilities, excess hangar capacity, only one of four Digital Air Central Systems in the United States experienced highly trained military cadre and civilian support personnel, I feel it is incumbent upon you to reconsider closing the Base.

Due to its location near all Northeast corridor major metropolitan and port areas on a major road network transportation hub – 1-76 / 1-95, I feel that the Department of Defense and all other Federal agencies need to consider and recognize NAS/JRB to have a high strategic value not only to defend our eastern shores but highly useful to Homeland Security and Defense.

Sincerely,

  
Joseph F. Kelly, President  
Board of Commissioners