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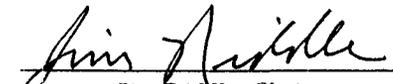
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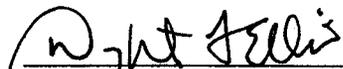
The Department of Defense has recommended closure of Air National Guard bases in the Pacific Northwest and a reduction in the number of fighter aircraft at the remaining bases. The Air Defense Squadron based in Portland would lose thirteen of its currently assigned fifteen F-15 Eagle fighters if the planned closures and transfers take effect.

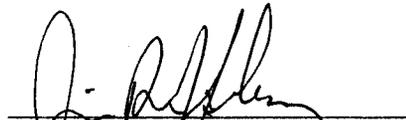
The Board of Commissioners of Josephine County has adopted the enclosed resolution opposing the announced plan to close bases in the Pacific Northwest and to transfer fighter aircraft out of the region to other areas of the country. We encourage your participation and support in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Board of County Commissioners


Jim Riddle, Chair


Dwight F. Ellis, Vice Chair


Jim Raffenburg, Commissioner

Enclosure
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Cc: Senator Wyden, Senator Smith, Representative Walden

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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS FOR JOSEPHINE
COUNTY
STATE OF OREGON**

In the Matter of Opposing the Closure of)
National Guard Bases in the Northwest) **RESOLUTION NO. 2005-058**
Region of the United States)

WHEREAS, it has come to the attention of the Josephine County Board of Commissioners that the United States Department of Defense has recommended to the United States Base Re-alignment and Closure Commission, known as BRAC, that the National Guard's 142nd Fighter Wing be moved from its base in Portland, Oregon to bases in New Orleans or Atlantic City; and

WHEREAS, the 142nd Fighter Wing now has fifteen F-15 fighter aircraft in the Air Defense Squadron based in Portland, Oregon, and that number would be reduced to two aircraft if the proposed transfer takes effect; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest region of the United States is an enormously important center of commerce, trade, travel and industry, including ocean shipping ports, rail and air travel and transport centers and one of the most important Interstate highway systems in the country; and

WHEREAS, the Pacific Northwest region of the United States is for all of these reasons a center of great strategic importance and a potential target for terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, the presence of the 142nd Fighter Wing, the only air defense squadron in the Pacific Northwest region, is one of the primary defenses against and deterrents to any such terrorist attack; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of County Commissioners that the people of Josephine County and their elected representatives have a substantial interest in the proposed actions of the Department of Defense and the BRAC Commission; and

WHEREAS, it appears that the safety and security of the Pacific Northwest region of the United States, including Josephine County, may be adversely affected by the proposed transfer of the 142nd Fighter Wing from its base in Portland to bases in other parts of the United States; now therefore,

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Josephine County is opposed to the closure of the National Guard's 142nd Fighter Wing base in Portland and to

any reduction in the number or type of fighter aircraft protecting the Pacific Northwest region of the United States, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Josephine County shall issue a public statement of their opposition and shall send copies of this RESOLUTION to the Department of Defense of the United States, to the United States Base Re-alignment and Closure Commission and to the President of the United States, as well as to the elected representatives of the people of Josephine County in the Congress of the United States.

DATED this 27th day of July, 2005.

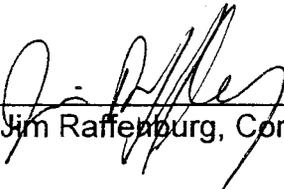
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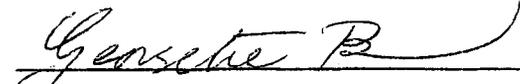


Dwight F. Ellis, Vice-Chair

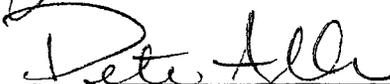


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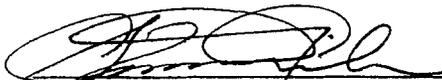
This Resolution is also supported by:



Georgette Brown, County Clerk



Peter Allen, Surveyor



Steve Rich, Legal Counsel