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Dear Chairman Principi and fellow commissioners:

I appreciate that your job is a big one, one that involves many bases and many military personnel. While Portland Air National Guard Base in Portland, Oregon is a small one, it is one that serves a huge purpose. I find it very comforting to know that within a mile of where I live there is a base that is on 24 hour alert and readiness status. These men and women are dedicated, well trained and responsible in their positions. Our military base is what keeps us safe in this in this part of the United States. We need them, not limited as your proposal suggests, but ready to go to war in the event that we would be attacked. Being so close to the ocean we are prime targets for an attack. I am a civilian, and yet if I'm aware of our vulnerability, I am sure that many terrorists are as well. I would, along with the others who've signed the attached list, ask that you please reconsider your original plan for this base, and drop us from the list altogether.

Thank you for your time and work,



Kelly Novak