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Chairman Anthony Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi:

As I understand it, one the BRAC Commissioners will be visiting the Cleveland DFAS facility, slated to lose 1000 jobs, in the near future. I will be there, advocating for the retention of those jobs in Cleveland. However, this letter is a request to have the same Commissioner also visit the NASA Glenn Research Center. NASA Glenn has 50 Army researchers who are scheduled to be transferred to the Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

I appreciate that the Commissioners combined will conduct hundreds of on-site reviews all across the nation to help guide the difficult choices you face and there will be little time for visits to other facilities. However, this facility is adjacent to the Cleveland International Airport, thus will require a miniscule amount of time to gain a perspective only possible by a site tour.

The NASA Glenn Research Center houses several major scientific instruments not at the Aberdeen Proving Ground that the army researchers use on a daily basis and would cost untold sums of money to replicate at Aberdeen. The specific suites of facilities that would have to be moved or recreated at Aberdeen to preserve the mission includes the following major items:

- 1.) Small Engine (up to 3000hp) test facility and supporting utilities;
- 2.) Engine aerocomponent research facilities including compressor and turbine component rigs;
- 3.) Combustion research and test facilities;
- 4.) Propulsion material - very special high temperature materials - research and test facilities;
- 5.) High speed high temperature bearing research and test facilities;
- 6.) Helicopter transmission test facility (500hp);
- 7.) Gear research and test facilities;
- 8.) Electric and hybrid drive component test facilities; and
- 9.) Lubrication research facilities.

I quick tour of these facilities would provide valuable information to the BRAC Commission. I urge you to ensure a site visit at NASA Glenn Research Center.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis J. Kucinich". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dennis J. Kucinich  
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