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May 20, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi  
Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
Polk Building – Suites 600 and 625  
2521 South Clark Street  
Arlington VA 22202

Dear Chairman <sup>Tony</sup> Principi ✓

I would like to congratulate you on chairing the BRAC Commission. I commend your spirit of volunteerism and public service.

As you know, Rock Island Arsenal, in my home town, has been devastated by the recent loss of nearly 1900 employees under the Department of Defense's recommendations for realignment. The Quad City's community leaders and congressional delegation have identified numerous errors in the data and justification used to make this recommendation and feel the Department of Defense has presented you inaccurate proposal. We are confident that if given a fair hearing by the commission, we will be successful in overturning these recommendations.

Chairman Principi, I would like to invite you to personally visit the Rock Island Arsenal and bring along as many of your fellow commissioners as possible. The job loss in the community is significant and the Pentagon's justification seems to be questionable, therefore, I believe it is important that the commissioners visit Rock Island Arsenal and meet with community leaders to discuss this realignment.

I appreciate your service and look forward to your appearance at Rock Island Arsenal.

Sincerely,



LANE EVANS  
Member of Congress

*Tony,  
I would really appreciate if you  
could stop at RIA. We'll go  
for lunch at the World Famous  
"Jim's Rib Haven" in my  
hometown.  
- Lane*

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