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BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
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~~Dear Chairman~~ Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base. ~~This~~ recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this ~~decision~~ and remove the Niagara Falls Base from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions, and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit was able to help rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves? You must also recognize:

1. The federal government has invested more than $35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
2. Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
3. Closure of the base eliminates the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
4. Niagara Falls' existing infrastructure can accommodate eight (8) additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
5. Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Victoria A McVay
Name

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Washington, DC
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Brian Ryan

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Carol N. Farkas

(A concerned Citizen)

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Also, how will the Department defend the region? Will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Julie A. Tronolone

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Kim Feeney

(A concerned Citizen)

Kimberly K. Feeney
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Lockport, NY 14094

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BRAC Commission
Washington, D.C.
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P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am writing in reference to the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base. This recommendation is obviously a mistake that was been based upon little insight into the units capabilities and accomplishments.

Closure of Niagara Falls Air Base would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. These units served honorably in Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The 914th Airlift Squadron maintained a 98% on-time flight ratio while flying 24/7 missions. The 914th is also the lead night vision C-130 unit in the entire Air Force Reserves.

Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of both the 914th and 107th. We have also reduced our Base Operations Support costs by not less than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command. The infrastructure at Niagara can accommodate 8 additional C-130H aircraft without any military construction.

Closure of the base would also eliminate the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates. The newspapers having been saying that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time, yet both the 914th and 107th have been a key element in military recruitment.

Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base faces no physical encroachment or air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I urge the Commission to remove Niagara Falls ARS from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures.

Sincerely,

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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All New Yorkers [illegible] the Niagara Falls/Western New York community [illegible] its support for this base, and its retention. Please, overturn [illegible]'s recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

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(Signature)

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BARKER, NY 14012
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Chairman [illegible]
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Chairman [illegible] and BRAC Commissioners:

I am so concerned [illegible] Department's recommendation to close the Niagara [illegible] Reserve and [illegible]. This recommendation [illegible] nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should [illegible] decision and remove them from the closure list.

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All New Yorkers [illegible] Niagara Falls [illegible] New York community [illegible] support for this [illegible] Please, overturn [illegible] recommendation [illegible] open.

Sincerely,

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(A concerned [illegible])

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Chairman Anthony [illegible]
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Sincerely,

Carol [illegible]
(A concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

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[illegible] Commission
[illegible] South [illegible]
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22[illegible]

Dear Chairman [illegible] Commissioners,

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All [illegible] Falls/[illegible] retention. [illegible] the base open.

Sincerely,

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Chairman Anthony J. [illegible]
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Dear Chairman Principal and BRAC Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Joyce [illegible]
(A concerned Citizen)

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BRAC
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The NFARB is the second largest employer in Niagara County and one of the most cost efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command. Closing this base would deliver another devastating blow to our region's already declining economy. Closure would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40% and eliminate the LAST Federal Air Force flying mission in the state.

I strongly urge the Commission to remove the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Karen Acome
2714 County Line Rd
Middleport, NY 14105

(Signature and full address)

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Sincerely,

Gene Brown
(A concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

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Sincerely,

Bonnie Brown
(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Chuck Fuller
(A concerned Citizen)

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Chairman Anthony [illegible]
Base Realignment [illegible] Commission
2521 South Clark [illegible]
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All New York [illegible] Niagara Falls/[illegible] York [illegible] support for this [illegible] and its retention. Please [illegible] recommendation and keep the base [illegible].

Sincerely,

[illegible]
(A concerned Citizen)

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Chairman Anthony [illegible]
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Chairman Anthony [redacted]
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Dear Chairman [redacted] and BRAC Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

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(A concerned citizen)

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Sincerely,

Mary [illegible]
(A concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

Barker NY [illegible]
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Chairman [illegible]
Base Realignment [illegible] Commission
2521 South Clark [illegible]
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All New Yorkers [illegible] Niagara Falls/Western New York [illegible] support for this [illegible] retention. [illegible] recommendation and keep the base [illegible]

Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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Chairman Anthony [illegible]
Base Realignment [illegible] Commission
2521 South Clark [illegible]
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Sincerely,

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(A [illegible])

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Sincerely,

Gerald Acker
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Sincerely,

Amy Stats
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Sincerely,

Rita Lupone
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Sincerely,

Jim Bito
(A concerned Citizen)
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Niagara Falls, NY
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Sincerely,

Laura Boardway
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Sincerely,

Jake Lojek
(A Concerned Citizen)
448 Fort Gray Drive
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Sincerely,

Gabrielle Landry
(A concerned Citizen)

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Suite 600
Arlington, VA [illegible]

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Ruth Hegeger
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Medina NY 14103

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Sincerely,

Valentine Maugham
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Sincerely,

Kim Murphy

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Sincerely,
Katie Beard
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Gasport NY 14067

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Sincerely,

Morgan [illegible]

Buffalo [illegible] 14043

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Sincerely,

Lerri Hilchbrent
(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Nancy Grimm
(A concerned Citizen)

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Albion, NY 14411
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Jennifer Farwell
(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

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Christina Kelley
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219 Chilton Ave.

Niagara Falls, NY. 14301

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Suite 600
Arlington, VA 2220[illegible]

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Scott Meade
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Victoria Fisher
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Edward Sixt
1075 Davis Rd
West Falls, NY 14170

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Yours truly,

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Nancy Conley, Executive Director
4211 N Buffalo Rd
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Carl Burgwardt

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Lynn Freeman
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Skye Heritage
152 Washington Ave
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Stan Wright
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Carly A. Bremer
(A concerned Citizen)

15 Austin St.

Amsterdam, NY 12010

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Menands, NY 12204

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BRAC Commission
Washington, D.C

To Whom It May Concern:

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The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex, which harnesses the waters of the Niagara River and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the war on terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be EXPANDED rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

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I request that you STRONGLY RECONSIDER the decision to close this base. The fine men and women in the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing have been and continue to be instrumental in securing the home front and fighting the war on terror overseas.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this very important matter.

Sincerely,

April Acker
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Lewiston, NY 14092

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BRAC Commission
Washington, D.C.

To Whom It May Concern:

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The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex. which harnesses the waters of the Niagara River and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the war on terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure It should be EXPANDED rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council

*Closure of the Niagara base would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the LAST Federal Air Force flying mission in the state Since 1995, the Niagara base has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways, which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.

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*Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 ADDITIONAL C-130 model aircraft WITHOUT ANY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment or air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion

I request that you STRONGLY RECONSIDER the decision to close this base The fine men and women in the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing have been and continue to be instrumental in securing the home front and fighting the war on terror overseas

Thank you for your consideration regarding this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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David W. Conroy
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Sincerely,

Jennifer Miller

(Signature and full address)

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Don't you think it would be a shame to stop now and close up? We really want the Air Base to stay open.

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Madeline Berry
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

name Bernadette Leading-Fox
address 5523 Walmore Rd RD #2
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address: 201 Fredericka St.
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

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Sincerely,

name- NATALIE CAPTON
address 5525 WALMORE ROAD
LEWISTON, NY 14092

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Sincerely,

Will Hall
(A concerned Citizen)

William Hall
1392 Nash Rd
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

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Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

Barker NY 14012
(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

[illegible]
(A concerned [illegible])

8814 Haseley Rd.
(Address)

Middleport, 14067
(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Dennis Tugaro
(A concerned Citizen)

19 [illegible] Hartford Rd
(Address)

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Buff, NY 14[redacted]
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Sincerely,

Jim Donner
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Sincerely,

Tracy Dukes
(A concerned Citizen)

2812 S Lyndonville Rd.
(Address)

Medina NY 14103
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52 Summit St.
(Address)

Lockport, 14094
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Yours truly,

Jane Munro

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Kevin Beckwith
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Sincerely,

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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Please, overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Jay L. Dinch
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BRAC Commission
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To Whom It May Concern

The Department of Defense has recommended to the BRAC Commission that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station be closed. This comes as a very big disappointment to the western New York Community As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3,000 workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's already declining economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex, which harnesses the waters of the Niagara River and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the war on terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be EXPANDED rather than closed

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

*Closure of the Niagara base would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the LAST Federal Air Force flying mission in the state Since 1995, the Niagara base has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways, which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.

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*Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 ADDITIONAL C-130 model aircraft WITHOUT ANY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

*Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment or air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion

I request that you STRONGLY RECONSIDER the decision to close this base. The fine men and women in the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing have been and continue to be instrumental in securing the home front and fighting the war on terror overseas

Thank you for your consideration regarding this very important matter

Sincerely,

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Washington, D.C

To Whom It May Concern

The Department of Defense has recommended to the BRAC Commission that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station be closed This comes as a very big disappointment to the western New York Community As Niagara County s second largest employer with nearly 3,000 workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's already declining economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex, which harnesses the waters of the Niagara River and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the war on terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure It should be EXPANDED rather than closed

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council

*Closure of the Niagara base would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the LAST Federal Air Force flying mission in the state. Since 1995, the Niagara base has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways, which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings

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*Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment or air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion

I request that you STRONGLY RECONSIDER the decision to close this base The fine men and women in the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing have been and continue to be instrumental in securing the home front and fighting the war on terror overseas.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this very important matter

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