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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Shelley Kayne
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Sharon A Boehnke

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LANCASTER, NY 14086

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Jean Hackenheimer
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668 Orchard Pkwy
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

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X Ruby J. Shurlow
(A concerned Citizen)

Ruby J. Shurlow
3290 Upper Mt Rd.
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Ann M Heuer
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Gerald Fenloth
(A concerned Citizen)

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Lockport NY 14094
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Sincerely,

Howard P. Wadnico Jr.
(A concerned Citizen)

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Lockport N.Y. 14094-8929

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ARMY - 98 DIV. - TRAINING

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(A concerned Citizen)

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LOCKPORT NY 14094

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Sincerely,

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(Address)

Middleport NY 14105
(City, State, Zip)

June 2005

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North Tonawanda, NY
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Dara Cochini
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Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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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,

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Address (mandatory)

June 2005

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7 July 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Schafer

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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
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Please note that the media are conveying to us 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.

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Sincerely,

James E. Metz
(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Carlson Weigand
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Sincerely,

Karen M. Tomasik

Ms. Karen M. Tomasik
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Buffalo, NY 14210

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BRAC COMMISSION
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6/27/05

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Sincerely,

Becky Kobler
(A concerned Citizen)

BRAC COMMISSION

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Sincerely,

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Name

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Address (mandatory)

[illegible] NY 14068

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Sincerely,

Mrs Robert L. Knaber
Name

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Sincerely,

Joyce A. Spencer

Name

4624 BOSTON STATE RD

Address (mandatory) BOSTON, NY 14025

7/10/05

BRAC COMMISSION

Received

7 July 2005

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Sincerely,

Curtis E. Burge
(A concerned Citizen)

CURTIS E BURGE
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NIAGARA FALLS NY 14305

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Sincerely,

Alan Raymond

(A concerned Citizen)
Alan Raymond
492 23rd St
Niagara Falls N.Y. 14303

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Sincerely,

Hollie A Space

Name

5140 William St Lancaster, NY 14086

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Sincerely,

Linda J. Leig
Name

311 Ann Street
Address (mandatory)
Medina, NY 14103

June 2005

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Washington, DC
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PO Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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6/21/05

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P.S. Can you imagine what would happen if the N.F. Power Authority Plant were attacked?

Sincerely,

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SIGNATURE: Tricia H. LaMarca

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Sincerely,

Ryan Nissen
(A concerned Citizen)

Ryan Nissen
314 Hamilton Blvd.
Kenmore NY 14217

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Pamela [illegible]

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123 Pennsylvania Ave

Lockport, NY 14044

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Sincerely,

Jack R. Brown
Name

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Kenneth Holmes
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(Address)

NORTH TONAWANDA, N.Y. 14120
(City, State, Zip)

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G.I., NY 14072

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Jaime Klydys
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Also, with the increased vigilance that is asked of us citizens of our suspicious neighbors (i.e. "The Lackawanna six") , I cannot understand closing a military Air Base so close to the U.S./ Canada border! If anything, we should be increasing our funds to the border bases where terrorists and suspicious aliens try everyday to get into this country.

I strongly believe that our homeland security will be threatened and enrollment into the reserves will also decrease considerably. We are committed to this War on Terror for the long haul. Closing such a valuable Air Force Base such as Niagara Falls would be a step backward in this fight.

Please keep the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base open!

Sincerely,

Debra A. Stenzel

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Sincerely,

Margaret S. Barnard

Mr. & Mrs. Eric Hill
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Sincerely,

Lisa M Deiler
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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 Commisioners:

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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 the more costly Active Duty bases.

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,

Jo Anne Ciurzynski
(A concerned Citizen)

JoAnne Ciurzynski
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June 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Cynthia N. Hermanson

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Sincerely,

Kevin Haniszewski (Kevin Haniszewski)
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(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Bessie Istrakis
(A concerned Citizen)

6161 Baer Rd
Lanborn NY
14132

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

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(A concerned Citizen)

June E. Primrose
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NFNY 14304

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Eunice E. Heuer
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Matilda Stoelting
(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Gladys Thiesinger
(A concerned Citizen)

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Mt. Tonawanda, N.Y.
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Sincerely,

Dorothy [illegible]
(A concerned Citizen)

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14304

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Sincerely,

Esther Hirman
(A concerned Citizen)

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Sincerely,

Lisa A. Hull
(A concerned Citizen)

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Lockport NY 14094

June 2005

BRAC COMMISSION
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7 July 2005

BRAC Commission
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

Lee M. Jarowski
Name

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Sincerely.

James J Adamczyk Jr
262 Park Lane
Grand Island

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Sincerely,

Donald Hear - Judith Kezar

150 Pin Oak Cir. Gr. Island N.Y. 14072

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Sincerely,

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125 Ann Oak Circle
Gr Is NY 14072

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Sincerely,

Lori Brown
Name

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7 July 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Sincerely,

Abbott B. Hinshaw
(A concerned Citizen)

320 Windsor Lane
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East Aurora, N.Y. 14052-1322
(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Nancy R. Wenke
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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,

(A Concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

Cheektowaga NY 14206

(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Brian K McCarty
Name

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Deborah M. Kampe
Name

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Name

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Sincerely,

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7 July 2005

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Sincerely,

Charles Guzzetta

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Washington DC
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Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

BRAC COMMISSION
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7 July 2005

Dear Sirs:

It is unwise and unfair to close Niagara Falls Air Force Base.

- Niagara Falls Air Base is reassuring to a community who borders Canada, the great lakes and our fresh water supply, is home to many chemical plants, and Niagara Falls a world wonder and the major power supplier for the East Coast, which could be targets of terrorists.
- The Niagara Falls Air Force Base has been underutilized and has a tremendous amount of community support.
- The runway is long enough for the largest planes, C-5's, B-52's, F-16's etc. At 9,825 feet it's long enough to land anything that flies.
- The C-130 planes are more newly equipped than other bases and are very well maintained by full time ART staff and reservists.
- The Service people at Niagara Falls Base have been activated and effectively utilized for a great number of missions in its 50 year history. Closing the base and eliminating jobs is poor treatment for those who have sacrificed for our country.
- We found out the hard way at Pearl Harbor what happens when we put all our fleet in one place, do we really want all our planes in Arkansas?
- Niagara Falls Air Base has an illustrious history in aviation since the 1940's. Here the first helicopter and supersonic plane took flight.
- The Niagara Falls Air force Base is the second largest employer in Niagara County; and its closure would be devastating to the local and regional economy, which is already in a troubled state. (Remember International Multi Foods, Fisher Price, Nabisco, Dussault Foundry, Simonds Saw and Steel, Bickford Box, Flintcoat, Upson's, Lockport Felt, Corson's Box...?)
- It is unwise in the midst of the threat of terrorism, illegal border crossings, and a war overseas with no end in sight.

Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base must not be closed.

Best regards,
Robert Vasko

6/23/05

BRAC COMMISSION
Received
7 July 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Sincerely,

Helen L. Infanti
(A concerned Citizen)

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STRENGTH BEGINS AT HOME

I just don't understand why Defense Secretary Rumsfeld would cut back on armed forces military bases when we are at war? He made the statement after 9/11 that the "Gloves are off" on the war on terrorism.

Over the years we have seen at the Niagara Falls New York Air Base the Ready Reserve 24 / 7 Operational Fighter Group Move to Syracuse NY and. the Helicopter Group move to Rochester NY. These two moves required improvements including hangars to both the Syracuse and Rochester Airports. It would have saved the Defense Department money if they had stayed put at the Niagara Falls New York Air Base. These moves have always seemed political to me, because the Niagara Falls New York Airbase has the longest runway and can handle the largest military jet carriers, aircraft refuelers (tankers) and bombers.

This Niagara Falls NY Air Base is an asset to the protection of the Robert Moses New York State Power Project and The Ontario Hydro Canadian Power Projects, both of which provide power to the east coast of the United States, especially New York City and its financial centers. We must also include protection to the densely populated Buffalo. NY USA/ Toronto, Ontario CANADA commerce corridor.

The Impetus of the Future of this base should be Homeland Security.

In the event of a terrorist attack the facility could be used as a holding center, because it is well guarded and since World War II, Fort Niagara, NY is no longer viable.

The base could be shared with the Royal Canadian Air Force in joint training exercises since the nearby airports are all commercial.

In addition, The US Border Patrol, The US Marshals', The Drug Enforcement Agency, The FBI could share this base with local and state police agencies for training for Homeland Security and local hospitals for bio/chemical hazard training.

Finally, I do not want this airbase turned into another dumpsite for hazardous waste, and to see the events of an unresponsive plane get within 3 miles of the Whitehouse last month with people scurrying aimlessly through the streets of Washington DC. It took Air Force aircraft from far away bases too long to reach the ill fated 9/11 passengers. We still have a long way to go to protect our nation. The closing of this airbase is not an option. It will only breed homeland insecurity.

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Elaine R. Yoder

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45 Wellington Court
Williamsville, NY 14221
June 24, 2005

NIMAC
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Sir:

Please see to it that the BRAC commission in Washington receives this letter as an indication of our very strong support for keeping the Niagara Falls Air Base open.

In the last 10 years the base has been modernized with $35 million in new facilities and runways, improving its operational effectiveness. Costs have been reduced to make the base a most cost-efficient facility.

Closure of the base would eliminate the ability to recruit. Units in this region have maintained in excess of 100% manning rates

Acreage exists adjacent to the base for future expansion.

The Niagara Falls Air Base is a key part of the economy of Western New York and its presence is vital, especially given its proximity to the Canadian border.

Please reverse the decision and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Jane & Larry Woodward

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

Rebecca Mosey
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Vet of World War II & Korea.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Commissioners:

The Pentagon has recommended to the BRAC that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with over 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver yet another devastating blow to our region's economy. In addition to the financial concerns, the community pride for our past and present military contributions can not be understated.
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 supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Power Grid. The size and location of the base would also allow it to be used for responses to natural disasters or terror attacks in the Northeast United States. While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable. It should be expanded rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

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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. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

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(A concerned Citizen)

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