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BRAC Commission

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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

It was my honor to attend the BRAC meeting in Buffalo on June 27, 2005, to represent and speak for our special City of Kettering, Ohio. DFAS Dayton is located in our city at our Kettering Business Park, formerly known as the Defense Electronic Supply Center (DESC) before its closure in 1993. DEFAS is only 15 miles from Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Congressman Mike Turner and I were privileged to speak to you and your fellow commissioners. It must have been difficult for you to sit and listen from 1:00 p.m. on, as we all made our arguments for our jurisdictions. Even though it was after 4:00 p.m. before we were heard, I was impressed with your seeming close attention to we late afternoon speakers. I would like to have had the opportunity to meet and talk with you personally.

Thank you for listening and giving your time and service for our great country. My husband was a proud member of the U.S. Army Air Force in WWII and served as a navigator/bombardier on a B-24.

Again, thank you.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marilou W. Smith".

MARILOU W. SMITH
Mayor of Kettering