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The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20310-1000

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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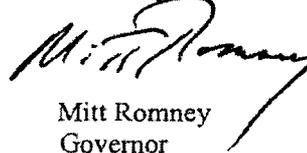
Dear Secretary Rumsfeld and Chairman Principi:

I am writing to state that I have not consented to the following:

- (1) The Department of Defense's recommendation to close Otis Air National Guard (ANG) Base and move the 102nd Fighter Wing's aircraft to bases in other states;
- (2) The BRAC Commission's recommendation to move the 102nd Fighter Wing's 18 F-15 aircraft from Otis ANG Base to Barnes ANG Base and close Otis ANG Base; and
- (3) The BRAC Commission's recommendation to move the 104th Fighter Wing's 15 A-10 aircraft from Barnes ANG base to other states.

Because I have not consented to the closure of Otis ANG Base, the reassignment of the 102nd Fighter Wing's aircraft, or the reassignment of the 104th Fighter Wing's aircraft, these recommendations appear to violate 10 U.S.C. Section 18238 and 32 U.S.C. Section 104(c), which require gubernatorial consent for such actions.

Sincerely,



Mitt Romney
Governor

cc: The Honorable Thomas Reilly, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, U.S. Senate
The Honorable John Kerry, U.S. Senate
The Honorable John Olver, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Richard Neal, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable James McGovern, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Barney Frank, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Martin Meehan, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable John Tierney, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Edward Markey, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Michael Capuano, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Stephen Lynch, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable William Delahunt, U.S. House of Representatives