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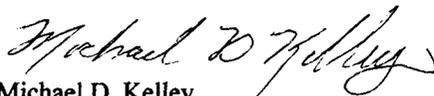
Dear Chairman Principi:

I would like to commend the BRAC Commission for their hard work; but after watching the portion on the Air National Guard, I felt I have to bring to your attention my concerns about moving the F-15s from Otis to Barnes and closing Otis.

- From the hearing I was not able to determine whether you were going to replace the Otis alert facility and build a new alert facility at Barnes
- There is a lack of hangar space at Barnes
- There is a lack of and adequate air defense force generation area that can handle the F-15s with live munitions
- There is no hush house at Barnes for testing aircraft and engines
- There is a lack of adequate fuel storage for the F-15 mission
- The storage area is not sited and adequate to store F-15 air defense munitions at Barnes
- The access to the Northeast airline corridors is going to affect the response time because of the inability to attain mach from Barnes
- We are able to intercept airplanes further from our home shores if the alert planes respond from Otis
- The runways at Barnes for F-15s would be down to one runway which would be a safety of flight issue
- There is concern about the noise encroachment issues with the F-15s versus the A-10s at Barnes
- The logic behind moving F-15s to Barnes and the transfer and training dollars that will be incurred makes no logical sense when we have a fully operational F-15 Wing at Otis
- There will be hundreds of years of F-15 experience lost in this move to Barnes
- With the closing of Otis there will be a loss of the regional Precision Measurement Equipment Laboratory (PMEL) which services all of New England and New York State. This laboratory is a jewel in the Air National Guard's regional PMELs, and would create a loss of an average of 12 years experience to the Air National Guard for each technician.

I would implore you to do a site survey at both Barnes and Otis to compare the cost of military construction and training to bed down F-15s at either location.

Sincerely,



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