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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
BRAC Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

Enclosed is a copy of Senate Resolution No. 62, as adopted on May 20, 2005, by the Iowa Senate. It is a resolution urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take action to keep all current organizations and positions at the Rock Island Arsenal.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Marshall  
Secretary of the Senate

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SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 62  
BY SENG, WOOD, and TINSMAN

A Resolution urging the President of the United States and the United States Congress to take action to keep all current organizations and positions at the Rock Island Arsenal.

WHEREAS, from the 19th century to the present, the Rock Island Arsenal has been a part of the economic and government service history of the Quad Cities; and

WHEREAS, from an employment peak of 18,467 during the height of World War II, the arsenal workforce has shrunk to less than 7,000 employees, and is operating at only 45 percent capacity; and

WHEREAS, even at this reduced level, the Rock Island Arsenal employs approximately 6,400 people, making it the second largest employer in the area, supports another 12,500 additional jobs, and pumps more than \$1.1 billion a year into the local economy; and

WHEREAS, the arsenal is a center for logistics and sustainment excellence for the U.S. Department of Defense and is the home to three major U.S. Army headquarters organizations that have regional and global responsibilities to soldiers, ranging from army munitions management to global logistics management; and

WHEREAS, the arsenal also houses more than 60 other U.S. Department of Defense organizations and provides infrastructure support to all the organizations at the Rock Island facility; and

WHEREAS, the Joint Manufacturing and Technology Center at the arsenal is one of the world's largest weapons manufacturing facilities; and has repeatedly proven that, for small-quantity orders and specialty jobs, it has the expertise, equipment, and dedication to the defense of the United States that cannot be equaled in private industry; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary list of bases to be considered for realignment by the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission includes the Rock Island Arsenal; and

WHEREAS, the realignment of the Rock Island Arsenal and the recommended loss of approximately 1,700 jobs could jeopardize the readiness of United States forces to quickly respond in the war on terror or in any future conflict; NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE, That the Senate urges the President of the United States, the United States Congress, the Secretary of the Department of Defense, and the Chairperson of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove the Rock Island Arsenal from any further consideration for realignment and that the arsenal facility be considered for the relocation of existing operations that are

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to be transferred as part of the current realignment and closure process; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States, the Secretary of the United States Department of Defense, the Chairperson of the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and to members of the Iowa congressional delegation.

  
JOHN P. KIBBIE  
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this Resolution is known as Senate Resolution 62, Eighty-first General Assembly.

  
MICHAEL E. MARSHALL  
Secretary of the Senate

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