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July 11, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Commission Chair
2005 Defense Base Closure & Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

Enclosed you will find a copy of Resolution No. 2005-74 passed by Middleburg Heights City Council on June 28, 2005 entitled:

A RESOLUTION URGING THE UNITED STATES BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION TO RETAIN FEDERAL DEFENSE JOBS AT THE DEFENSE FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE IN CLEVELAND AND SUPPORTING THE CLEVELAND DEFENSE INDUSTRY ALLIANCE AND THE GREATER CLEVELAND PARTNERSHIP IN THEIR EFFORTS TO PROTECT THE REGION'S ECONOMIC VITALITY

I am forwarding this legislation to you in accordance with Section 3.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me.

Very truly yours,


Mary Ann Meola
Clerk of Council
City of Middleburg Heights

MAM/tg

Enclosure

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CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, OHIO

Resolution No. 2005-74

Introduced By: Mr. Herron Co-sponsors: Mr. Budney, Mr. Hepp
Mr. Ali, Mr. Bortolotto, Mr. Guttman, Mr. Castelli
Mayor Starr

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WHEREAS, The Council of the City of Middleburg Heights has as one of its primary responsibilities improving the health and welfare of its citizens, which includes ensuring the availability of a diverse selection of employment opportunities in the Greater Cleveland area; and

WHEREAS, the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) in downtown Cleveland is currently the fourth largest Federal employer in Greater Cleveland, with a \$65 million annual payroll; and

WHEREAS, DFAS employs some 1,200 people from throughout the region, and provides jobs that are vital to the health of the regional workforce and enrich the ranks of professionals in Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland DFAS office is the world center for Navy payroll services and personnel data management as well as the Reserve Pay Center of Excellence, distributing \$101 billion and serving 2,745,000 military and civilian personnel, retirees and annuitants in FY 2003; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland's DFAS office is an integral part of the system that supports our armed forces, and is a cutting edge model of operational efficiency and customer service for U.S. Military pay operations around the world; and

WHEREAS, the loss of these jobs could cost Greater Cleveland an estimated \$128 million, further eroding our regional and state tax base and endangering money for vital services, such as police and fire protection throughout Northeast Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Cleveland is one of the nation's preeminent financial service centers, home to the headquarters of several large commercial banks and the regional Federal Reserve, and perfectly situated to continue its track record of excellence here well into the future; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Defense (DOD) has recommended to the Base Closure and Realignment Commission that 1,028 jobs currently performed by the Cleveland DFAS in the Anthony J. Celebrezze Federal Building be relocated to other cities; and

DFAS
Misc
June 15, 2005

Mary Ann Meade, Clerk of Council of the City of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, do hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of Res. 2005-74 passed on the 25th day of June by said Council.

I, Mary Ann Meade, Clerk of the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., Ohio, hereby certify that Res. 2005-74 adopted by the Council of the City of Middleburg Hts., on 6/28/05 was posted for a period of fifteen days, beginning 7/1/05 and remained so posted for fifteen days in the proper posting places as designated by Charter M. Meade.

WHEREAS, the recommendation is not a final decision; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance has announced its intentions to work with community partners to fight and reverse DOD's proposal before the Base Realignment and Closure Commission forwards its recommendations to President Bush in September 2005; and

WHEREAS, this resolution constitutes an emergency measure for the immediate preservation of public peace, property, health or safety.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS, STATE OF OHIO, AS FOLLOWS:

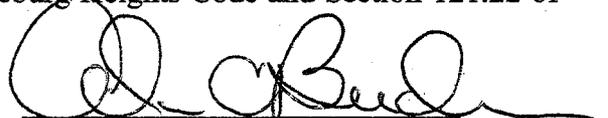
Section 1: That this Council hereby urges the Base Realignment and Closure Commission to remove the Cleveland office of the Defense Finance and Accounting Service from the list of closures and realignments proposed on May 13, 2005, and retain the 1,028 important Federal Defense jobs here in Cleveland.

Section 2: That this Council encourages the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance and the Greater Cleveland Partnership in their advocacy efforts to preserve the region's economic vitality by working to reverse the U.S. Department of Defense's recommendation to realign these professional jobs to other cities.

Section 3: That the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit copies of this resolution to President George W. Bush, Congressional Representatives Stephanie Tubbs Jones, Dennis Kucinich, Sherrod Brown and Steven LaTourette, and Senators Mike DeWine and George Voinovich; the appropriate representatives from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, and the members of the Cleveland Defense Industry Alliance.

Section 4: It is hereby found and determined that all formal action of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Chapter 107 of the Middleburg Heights Code and Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

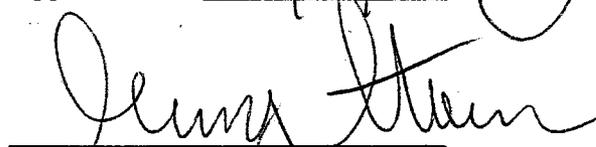
Passed: 6-28-05



President of Council

Attest: M. Meale
Clerk of Council

Approved On: 6/30/05



Mayor

Presented
To Mayor: 6-29-05

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| Budney | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Ali | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Sheppard | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Castelli | <u>X</u> | _____ |

| | Yea | Nay |
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| Herron | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Bortolotto | <u>X</u> | _____ |
| Guttman | <u>X</u> | _____ |