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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi:

I appreciated the opportunity to speak with you today regarding the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT). I wanted to reiterate that AFIT is a good investment for the Air Force and the Department of Defense, and it is contributing to our overall national security.

Further, I would like to personally invite you and each member of the BRAC Commission to make a visit to Ohio's Miami Valley, including Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, the Springfield Air National Guard Station, and the Kettering DFAS facility. These installations broadly contribute to the national security mission with the assistance of well-trained and dedicated workers and state-of-the-art facilities. I would be happy to help facilitate such a visit and am certain the Commission would benefit from receiving information, first-hand, regarding the military value of these installations.

Thank you for your attention to this request. If I can be of any additional assistance to you during your consideration of the BRAC recommendations, please feel free to contact me.

Very respectfully yours,



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