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Also, how will the Department defend the region? Will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Shields
(A Concerned Citizen)

Dorothy Shields
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Bflo. NY 14204

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The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

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Sincerely,

Marisa Bonuscuto
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Washington DC.
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P.O. Box 231
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- The federal government has invested more than $35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
- Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base eliminates the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate eight (8) additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Lyle Whitford
Priscilla Whitford

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May 17, 2005

BRAC Commission
Washington, D.C.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Department of Defense has recommended to the BRAC Commission that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station be closed. This comes as a very big disappointment to the western New York Community. As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3,000 workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's already declining economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex, which harnesses the waters of the Niagara River and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the war on terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should be EXPANDED rather than closed.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

*Closure of the Niagara base would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the LAST Federal Air Force flying mission in the state. Since 1995, the Niagara base has been modernized with $35M in new facilities and lengthened runways, which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.

*The Niagara base has reduced its Base Operations Support costs by not less than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the MOST COST EFFICIENT FACILITIES IN THE Air Force Reserve Command.

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*Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate 8 ADDITIONAL C-130 model aircraft WITHOUT ANY MILITARY CONSTRUCTION.

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I request that you STRONGLY RECONSIDER the decision to close this base. The fine men and women in the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing have been and continue to be instrumental in securing the home front and fighting the war on terror overseas.

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Thank you for your consideration regarding this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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Marguerite M. Peterson
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Thos R. Christy

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Danielle Nierson
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May 2005

BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Raymond Morgan Jr

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Mary K. Marriott
(A Concerned Citizen)

MARY K. MARRIOTT
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Susan B House
(A Concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

Tonawanda NY 14150
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Sincerely,

Catherine Knight
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Akron, New York 14001-1061

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Regards,

Jeanne Lippacher

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RE: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Dear Members of the BRAC Commission:

We write to you as family members, friends, business owners and most importantly the employees of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has been placed on the closure list. We are asking you to reconsider this decision to close our Navy Yard.

The facts and statistics show that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has saved the Navy time and money by returning ships to the fleet ahead of time and under budget. For years the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has repeatedly completed refueling and overhauls efficiently, economically and safely. Such facts are as follows:

- The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard charges $20 Million less for each Depot Modernization Period than the Corporate Average.
- The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard completes Depot Modernization Depot's 3 months faster than the Corporate Average.
- The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard charges $75 Million less for each Engineered Refueling Overhaul than the Corporate Average.
- The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard completes Engineered Refueling Overhaul's 6 months faster than the Corporate Average.

The results of such efficiency by the hard working employees of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard cannot be ignored.

We appreciate your time in reevaluating the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Thank You,

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Subj: **Closing of Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station**
Date: 6/15/05 11:25:07 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time
From: ARTJAMES39
To President@Whitehouse.gov

Dear Sir:

The Pentagon has recommended the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossing between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex which supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the base serves as logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically places and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. **It should be expanded rather than closed.**

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

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We humbly request that you **strongly reconsider** the decision to close the station. The fine men and women of the **107th Air Refueling Wing** and **914th Airlift Wing** have been instrumental in securing the homefront and fighting the war on terror overseas.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely.

Art and Linda James
197 Caesar Blvd.
Williamsville, NY 14221

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Art & Linda James
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Williamsville, NY 14221-5903
(716) 632-6936

June 17, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of an email that we sent to President Bush regarding the closing of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

We request your attention to this important matter. This area needs the protection of the Niagara Falls Reserve Station and the loss would be devastating to our economy and homeland security. Please reconsider the closing of the facility.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Art & Linda James

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Sincerely,

James P. Kent

(A concerned Citizen)

65 Dennis Ln.
Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14227

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16 June 2005

Bill F. Bullion
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Mr. Phillip Coyle
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Coyle:

First, it is an honor and a privilege to write to you. I am using this letter to voice my concerns over the BRAC closure list, specifically Cannon Air Force Base near Clovis, New Mexico. As a former resident of Clovis, Navy veteran – Viet Nam 68-69, and graduate of Eastern New Mexico University in Portales I feel that the BRAC is making a critical mistake in this proposed closure action.

The surrounding area residents, Cities, Counties and State Governments of New Mexico and Texas are extremely concerned about the economic effects and outfall of the proposed closure. I share their concerns for the future of the area and I have a strong concern of the loss of Cannon to our military machine. Cannon and its future should be considered very strategic to our military and in its long range planning.

If Cannon is closed, our military will lose an extremely well situated facility that cannot be easily replaced, economically or physically. Cannon has the capability, flexibility and open air space to serve all branches of our military as a support base and training facility.

Training is critical to the readiness of all military programs. Training promotes efficiencies, eliminates mistakes, saves money and most important of all it saves lives. Our fighter pilots must continue to receive the best training available and a key factor to that is having a world class training facility. No other military base has immediate access to unencumbered air spaces such as the Melrose Bombing Range and the New Mexico Training Range that is being implemented, both immediately adjacent and accessible to Cannon year round. Both ranges are well suited to support aircraft of any type or service branch; Air Force, Navy, Marines or Army.

Much of the air space and easements around Cannon were purchased and given to the Government by Clovis in its ongoing support of Cannon Air Force Base.

I urge you and your colleagues to review and re-consider the actions set forth by the BRAC. Please - Support our Troops - Keep Cannon. I wish you and your team well on the upcoming visit to Cannon Air Force Base and the Clovis area.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Bill Bullion

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Honorable Anthony J. Principi - Chairman
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Re: *proposed relocation of Vehicle Technology Directorate of Army Research Laboratory from NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland*

Dear Chairman Principi:

I am writing to urge the Base Closure Commission to oppose the proposed relocation of the Vehicle Technology Directorate (VTD) of the Army Research Laboratory (ARL) from NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio, to Aberdeen Proving Ground (APG), Maryland. The proposed relocation would lead to technical and economic inefficiencies, waste taxpayer dollars, and cause the unnecessary dislocation of numerous Army employees and their family members.

First, the proposed relocation would eliminate the substantial benefits that the Army now receives from the ability of VTD personnel to work closely with NASA personnel and use NASA equipment and facilities. The VTD has been located at NASA Glenn since 1970. It has been chartered to jointly work programs of mutual interest to NASA and the Army in Aeropropulsion and Power. ARL VTD engineers and scientists work side by side with their NASA partners on technologies that are directly focused on aviation or leveraged toward ground vehicles. Army engineers utilize NASA Glenn facilities, take advantage of existing NASA infrastructure and technical support personnel, and benefit from close collaboration with their NASA counterparts. This interagency cooperation has resulted in the development of many important technologies that support Army aviation. Moving the VTD away from its facilities and collaborators will not help promote its mission but will, in fact, hinder it.

Second, the proposed relocation would require expensive reconstruction of many facilities. The VTD utilizes many facilities that are owned exclusively by NASA – including wind tunnels, rotating component test rigs, and engine test cells - that would need to be reconstructed at APG for the VTD's mission to continue. Such reconstruction of existing facilities would be a waste of taxpayer dollars.

Third, the proposed relocation would dislocate numerous Army employees and their family members. Many of the VTD's employees have worked there many years or even decades, and so the proposed move would inflict a particularly high human cost on Army personnel. In addition, the proposed move could impose significant costs on the local economy, especially because it could ultimately lead to a closure of the entire NASA Glenn facility.

For these reasons, I urge your Commission to reject the Defense Department's proposed relocation of the VTD to Aberdeen. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

Alex Luchenitser

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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Sincerely,

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The entire Western New York community is united in its support for retaining the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard Base, and I am respectfully asking that you overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep this important base open.

Sincerely,

Suzanne P. Brady

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Stephen A Hilbrecht

P.S. FIGHT FOR OUR AIR FORCE BASE JUST LIKE OUR MEMBERS OF IT FIGHT FOR OUR COUNTRY.

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Sincerely,

Joanne DalPorto

A Concerned Citizen

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Linda A. Graczyk

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Frequent call-ups are cited in proposal to shut Falls base

Repeated activation of reservists shows need to rebalance airlift fleet, general says

By Jerry Zremski

News Washington Bureau

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Part of the reason for recommending closing the Niagara Falls Air Reserve

WASHINGTON — The frequent call-ups of the Air Force reservists based in Niagara Falls played a role in the decision to recommend closing their home facility, a top Air Force general said Thursday.

Maj. Gen. Gary W. Heckman said repeated call-ups show that the Air Force has too many reservists and National Guard members flying C-130 cargo planes, and not enough active duty forces performing that task.

"We're working these guys (reservists) awfully hard," said Heckman, co-chairman of the panel that said the Niagara Falls base should be closed. "You have to ask if we're asking too much of our citizen airmen."

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To correct that problem, the Pentagon looked to the base-closure process as a way to rebalance its airlift fleet, moving more cargo planes to active duty and suggesting the closure of several bases like the one in Niagara Falls, Heckman said.

In an interview at the Pentagon, Heckman and Brig. Gen. Hanford J. Moen Jr., of the Office of Air Force Reserve, offered a detailed explanation of the recommendation to close the Niagara Falls base.

They also downplayed concerns raised by the base's supporters, who say the decision could hurt homeland security efforts and military recruiting in Western New York.

Heckman acknowledged that the Air Force had set a target date for closing the Niagara Falls base in 2009. That date could change, he added.

"I think Niagara has very good facilities," Heckman said.

But the generals indicated that good facilities are not enough to keep the base open in light of the Air Force's plan to concentrate many of its C-130 cargo planes at an active-duty base in Little Rock, Ark.

The Air Force currently has far too many small Guard and reserve bases like the one in Niagara

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Rose Oberdorfer
(A concerned Citizen)

2658 Bauer Rd.
(Address)

Eden NY 14057
(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Gerald J. Kaczmarczyk
(A concerned Citizen)

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(Address)

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Patricia Bogdan

(A concerned Citizen)

248 McKinley Ave

Kenmore NY 14217

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Sincerely,

we have 3 Bridges and we are on an international Border

Shirlee G. Snyder
(A Concerned Citizen)
2215 La Salle ave
Niagara Falls
New York 14301

arkansas gets Tornadoes
we don't.
we have a Power Plant (serves whole EAST)

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Brenda L Talbot
(A concerned Citizen)

BRENDA L. TALBOT
190 WASHINGTON AVE.
KENMORE, NY 14217

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Laura L. Eaton
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Mary Beth Peterson
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Registered Nurse
at Veterans Affairs
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H. Kolasinski
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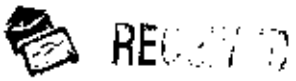

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Elaine Palumbo

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Niagara Falls, NY
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Sincerely,

Jack & Mary Zemla

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Sir: I realize this is a form letter but it certainly expresses my feelings as a WWII vet and former POW.

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J. Donald Griffin
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Buffalo NY 14225

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Mr + Mrs Steve Glamuzina
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54 Buckwood Dr
Williamsville, NY 14221

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Grand Island, NY 14072

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June 8, 2005

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Subject: Possible Closure of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

Paul L. Arnolt
6764 Bear Ridge Rd.
Randolph, NY 14794

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William G. Fura
(A concerned Citizen)

Cathy E. Fura
85 Sycamore St.
Lockport, N.Y. 14094

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Richard Dickenson
(A concerned Citizen)

Eva Jean Dickenson

4392 Crescent Dr.
Lockport, N.Y. 14094

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William & Elizabeth Brauer
167 Lock St
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(A concerned Citizen)

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Catherine [illegible] (Mrs. John B)
(A concerned Citizen)
4646 Apple Dr
Lewiston NY 14092

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6/4/05

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Elizabeth A. Gibson

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ELIZABETH A. GIBSON

1040 - 92nd Street

Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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Elizabeth P. Hogan

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Margaret A. Gadt
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74 Resnick Pkwy
Lockport, N.Y. 14094

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Kathleen A Swann
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Mrs. Kathleen Swann
7453 Chestnut Ridge Rd.
Lockport, NY 14094-3505

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Alfaretta M. Sturgeon
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6747 - LUTHER ST.
NIAGARA FALLS, NY
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Paulette J. Wright
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1637 Lake Rd
Youngstown
N.Y. 14174

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Norma C. McKeon
(A concerned Citizen)
3590 East Ave
Youngstown, NY 14174

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David M. Britton

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248 Greengage Circle
E. Amherst, N.Y. 14051

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Michael A Buchalski
(A concerned Citizen)
Michael A. Buchalski
4214 Bell St.
N.F. N.Y. 14305
716-713-6332

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Please Take Niagara Falls off the list!

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Leslie M. Sanders
(A Concerned Citizen)

1352 Cleveland Ave.
Niagara Falls
NY. 14305

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Larry G. Hess

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551-30TH St.
N.F.N.Y. 14301

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P.O. Box 555
Albion, N York 14411

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Beverly Leigh
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Eugene Leigh

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Andrew Lucyszyn Elizabeth Lucyszyn
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301 East Center St
Medina, NY 14103

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(A concerned Citizen)

Sandra A. Widmer

Mike & Sandy Widmer
487 Deerfield Drive
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N. TONAWANDA
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Lynda L. Cyran

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Frederick P. Blue, Jr.
(A concerned Citizen)

(Dorothy L. Blue - Spouse)

June 2, 2005

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Respectfully,
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Justina M. Sicianni
2835 Lewiston rd
Niagara Falls NY 14305

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838-17th St.
Niagara Falls, NY
14301

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N.Y. 14301

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John M. Freischlag
4371 Wilson-Burt Rd
Wilson, NY 14172

1SG (RET) USARMY

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1265-96 TH ST.
N.F. N.Y. 14304

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33 AMELIA STREET
LOCKPORT, NY 14094

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Medina, NY 14103

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E. Maureen Brauer
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Waterport, N.Y. 14571

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Thomas De Munda
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Mary A. De Munda

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Mary G Cannell

(A concerned Citizen)

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333 Glencove Road
Town of Tonawanda, NY
14223-1349

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Lizette Perry
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Liza Parsons

Richard Perry

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Ruth E Hodges
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5186 Baer Rd
Sanborn NY
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866 Park Ave.
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

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Carol R. Wehrlin

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Lockport, NY 14094-5307

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Tonawanda
N.Y. 14150

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Bruce R. Powers
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915 Sun Valley Drive

North Tonawanda, New York

14120-1952

(World War II veteran)

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Vernon C. or Lois L. Austin
500 Maple Ridge Rd Lot 68
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Kevin + Judith Chamberlain
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653 Gardenwood
Lockport, N.Y. 14094

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88 Lakewood Vlg.
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Helen M. Smith

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Marcia Dunham
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6927 Robinson Rd
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Jane L. Schuff
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Lockport, N.Y. 14094
815 E. ~~[illegible]~~ 116th St #0

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Mr [illegible] Killion
Mrs. Susan Killion
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2373 FULLER ROAD
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155 Allen St.
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N. Tonawanda, N.Y. 14120

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Elizabeth L. Johnson
(A concerned Citizen)

Brother Maurice T. Johnson

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Janet Neubauer
448 72nd St.
Niagara Falls, NY 14304

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From: (Robert H. Audette Jr.)
Date: 06/08/05 12:56:59
To: info@nimac.org
Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Robert H. Audette Jr. () on Wednesday, June 8, 2005 at 12:56:56
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address1: 2400 West Blood Road

city: East Aurora

state: New York

zip: 14052

comments:

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Also, how will the Department defend the region, or will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters, when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

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From: (Carrie W. Audette)
Date: 06/08/05 12:58:35
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Subject: Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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A. Erman

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Youngstown, N.Y. 14174

BUFF NEWS 6-03-05

Another voice / *Base closings*

It would be a shame to shut down Niagara Falls unit

By Brig. Gen. James C. Cook

I wonder if the Department of Defense and the U.S. Air Force realize the talent, expertise and years of experience they are doing away with by closing the Air Reserve Base at Niagara Falls and disbanding its two major units, the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing.

I am a former commander of the 107th when it was a fighter squadron, and it has a long history. Members of the 107th were flying the F-100C at Niagara in 1968 when they were called to active duty by President Lyndon Johnson to support the conflict in Vietnam.

Niagara's Air National Guard unit was assigned to a fighter wing at Tuy Hoa Air Base in Vietnam. In a matter of a month and a half, a majority of the wing's shops and docks were supervised by the Air National Guard unit's master sergeants.

In the 1970s, Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird instituted the Total Force Concept integrating active-duty, reserve and Guard forces. This doctrine has served the Air Force well. When it needs forces, it has experienced, combat-ready squadrons immediately available with little or no added training.

Just look at the number of call-ups of the Air National Guard squadrons and individuals in the last five to 10 years. This can-do attitude is something I do not think we should ignore, nor should we do away with these talented, experienced combat forces.

A few years ago, when the 107th became an air tanker unit, it was not fully capable to perform air refueling missions out of Niagara — its heavier aircraft could not take off with a full load of internal fuel plus a full load of fuel for refueling. The Air Force spent millions of dollars to increase the length of the runway from 9,100 feet to 10,000 feet, thereby allowing the unit to fully perform its mission from Niagara Falls.

In addition, more ground fuel storage tanks were installed, and a second fuel pumping station was added to allow the 107th to refuel its own aircraft in the event the Air Reserves were not available.

I have addressed primarily the 107th, but the 914th has received its share of accolades through the years. I have worked with previous commanders of the 914th and found them to be proud of their accomplishments, especially of the unit's performance during Desert Storm and Desert Shield.

The transfer of the 914th's C-130s to Little Rock, Ark., as the Air Force centrally locates a large number of aircraft at one base, does not sound strategically effective, a lesson we learned on Dec. 7, 1941. I believe the Little Rock AFB also is located right in the middle of tornado alley, causing concern for evacuation to protect these assets.

I suspect the skilled Air National Guard and Air Force reservists now at Niagara would not consider traveling long distances to fulfill the goal of a 20-year retirement. It is a tragedy to let these experienced backup forces go, leaving an enormous void in the defense posture of the United States.

Brig. Gen. James C. Cook NYANG (Ret.) is a former commander of the 107th Air National Guard unit at Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base.

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- Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33 percent (to include a 25 percent reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- Closure of the base eliminates the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100 percent manning rates.
- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate eight additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

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Mexico, N.Y.

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NORTH TONAWANDA, NY 14120

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N Tonawanda
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Medina, N.Y. 14103

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1925 Walnut ave
Niagara Falls,
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Mary Ann Carey
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2427 Woodlawn Ave.
Niagara Falls
NY. 14301.

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[redacted] Donald + Patricia Paolini
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Joseph Grabowski
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4957 Culver Rd
Albion NY 14411

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Elizabeth Winters
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Middleport N.Y.
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(A concerned Citizen)

305-78th St
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(A concerned Citizen)

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755 Oxbow Ln
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Sincerely,

Dorothea Eichhorn
(A concerned Citizen)

Dorothea Eichhorn
177 Niagara St
Lockport NY 14094

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In addition the Niagara Falls base is right by important border crossings which need defense against terrorism.

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Lockport, NY 14094-6304

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Ruth C. Ruberto
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117 Hyde Park
Lockport, NY 14094-4750

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70 Summit St.
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Joyce Balcom
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Bethany P Potter
(A concerned Citizen)
6620 Schultz Street
Niagara Falls NY 14304

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Emily B. Fathe
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168 Ridge Road
Lewiston, NY 14092-9753
716/754-4858

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Mrs. Gladys La Civita

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(A concerned Citizen)

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Grand Island NY
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2722 South Ave
N.F. N.Y 14305

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Linda Aleksejuk
(A concerned Citizen)
1646 Falls St
N.F. N.Y.

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Josephine Belkota

(A) concerned Citizen

1780 Welch Ave.
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
14303

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Jane Muraski
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5905 Divide Rd
Town of Niagara
NY 14305

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1326 - 9 9th St.
Niagara Falls NY 14304

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2781 Livingston Ave.
Niag. Falls,
New York 14303

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3214 Web Place
Niagara Falls, NY
14303

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3018 Orleans ave
M.F. N.Y. 14303

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Niagara Falls NY

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Don Cooke
(A Concerned Citizen)

53 Wenonah Terr.
(Address)

Tonawanda, NY 14150
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442 Old Falls Blvd.
(Address)

N. Tonawanda, NY 14120
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It is my belief, the Niagara Falls International Airport, a small airport just starting to become profitable and borders the air station, probably will not survive if this base closes. How this will all affect much needed industry from expanding there is anybody's guess. General Dynamics is presently building a research facility nearby and it, I believe, will rely on the proximity of the air field.

Finally, I believe although unsubstantiated, by virtue of its long runway, this base is an alternate landing site for the space shuttle. As I understand it, this station is also listed on just about every military flyer's map as an emergency landing field.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter. I am confident, once you take a closer look at everything this air station has to offer, you will come to the conclusion that the best interests of the military, this community and this nation are best be served by keeping the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station open.

Sincerely,

Frank Sorce

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95 DiMatteo Drive
North Tonawanda, New York 14120-6471
June 13, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

The Pentagon has recommended the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with nearly 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver another devastating blow to our region's economy.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossing between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower complex which harnesses the waters of the Niagara and supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Grid.

While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable to allow the addition of a fighter squadron to further secure America's northern border and power grid infrastructure. It should not be closed but expanded, as the Air Force planned just last November. Congress just recently approved funds for this.

According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the last Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with **$35M** in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
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- Niagara Falls existing infrastructure can accommodate ***8 additional C-130H model aircraft*** without any military construction.
- Niagara Falls faces ***no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints*** and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

I humbly request that you ***strongly reconsider*** the decision to close the station. The fine men and women of the **107th Air Refueling Wing** and **914th Airlift Wing** have been instrumental in securing the homefront and fighting the war on terror overseas.

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Also, how will the Department defend the region? Will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters when they occur after these massive cuts?

I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Donal Armstrong Donald L. Armstrong
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Debra L. Harden

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Youngstown, NY 14174

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Mary Jane Keyes

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Sincerely,

Christine Voit

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Lockport, NY 14094

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Wendy H. Harris

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Sincerely,

Michele DeDomenico

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Niagara Falls, New York 14305

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Christine M. McDonough

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Jennifer Badendyck

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Lewiston, NY 14092

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Charlotte J. Yarwood

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Grand Island, NY 14072

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Sincerely,

Linda Pietraszewski
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Niagara Falls, NY
14303

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Sincerely,

Judy Pyra

Judy Pyra
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14304

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Sincerely,

Regina R. Wang

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NF NY 14301

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Sincerely,

John W. Kinner

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It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Also, even the newspapers say that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key in military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

Madeline [illegible]

(A concerned Citizen)

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Kevin Kuchbergen
(A concerned Citizen)

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June 14, 2005

BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

Michael E. Dreyfus
3109 Horan Rd.
Medina, NY 14103

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Betty C. Barden

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Carol A. Sheehan
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Sincerely,

Ann T. Kraft
(A concerned Citizen)

DCN 3339

BRAC Commission
Received
6/24/2005

May 2005

BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
P.O. Box 231
Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

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Sincerely,

Ronald J Orlowski
54 Woodland Terrace
Cheektowaga, N.Y. 14225

I adamantly oppose the closing of the base and moving a New York Nat'l Guard unit to another state

DCN 3339
June 2005

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6/24/2005

49 Nantucket Drive West
Checktowaga, New York 14225

June 8. 2005

BRAC Commission
Washington, DC
% NIMAC
PO Box 231
Niagara Falls, New York 14301-0231

Dear Sir.

I suggest that you strongly reconsider your decision to close the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York. The fine men and women of the 107th Air Refueling Wing and the 914th Airlift Wing have been instrumental in securing the homefront and fighting the war on terror overseas.

The Air Reserve Station is Niagara County's second largest employer. With 3,000 full and part time workers. This w0ould deliver another devastating blow to our regions economy.

The reserves at this base, also were used to help the U. S. Customs, at our border crossings, after 911. Without this Base and the Reserves, the door would be left open to any terrorist wishing to do us harm.

Sincerely,

Clifton D. Lee

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BRAC Commission
Received
6/24/2005

June 9,2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,

(A concerned Citizen)

Steven Edmonson

3035 Lyth Road
Lackawanna, New York 14218

11208 BLAIR RD
MEDINA, NY 14103

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BRAC Commission
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May 2005

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Barbara Dalinski

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Sincerely,

[illegible] N. Hines
(A concerned Citizen)
[illegible] Maple Ave
Niag. Falls, NY 14305

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Received
6/24/2005

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6/24/2005

June 8, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment & Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Subject: Possible Closure of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

The possibility of closing the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base as recommended by Pentagon officials, causes me great consternation for the safety of the citizens of the Western New York Region and our Country's combat readiness. This is a big mistake.

I find it appalling that the active duty forces have seen fit to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many dedicated and militarily proficient members of both the Air Force Reserve and the New York Air National Guard based at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base. Their unit histories are replete with successes in meeting and exceeding the Active Duty Force's expectations, particularly when called upon to perform in combat theatre of operations. Most reasonable and informed citizens interpret the Pentagon's actions as declaring "war" on the reserve forces. Don't let this happen. Their future is in your hands.

I also find it appalling to accept a reduction in the combat ready reserve forces and resources at a time when our Country is militarily over extended with world challenges and commitments ranging from Afghanistan to Iraq, along with numerous other countries.

I join with fellow Western New Yorkers in voicing in the strongest terms possible to remove the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base from the Pentagon's recommended list of Base Closures. I am sure you realize the 914th Airlift Wing is the last Air Force Reserve flying unit in New York State. Unfortunately, our State has experienced a constant history of cut backs in Air Force activity. The history of the 107th Air Refueling Wing, New York Air National Guard is as impressive as any active duty organization, operating at a fraction of the cost of an active unit.

Thank you for your attention.

Regards,

Marie Fullagar
308 Ensminger Rd
Tonawanda NY 14150

DCN 3339

June 10, 2005

BRAC Commission
Received
6/24/2005

BRAC Commission
Washington DC.
c/o NIMAC
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Sincerely,

Jeanette F. McKnight

DCN 3339
6/10/05

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Received
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Sincerely,

Suzanne D. Cassick
(A concerned Citizen)

Suzanne D. Cassick
463 Westwood Ave.
Youngstown, NY 14174

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BRAC Commission
Received
6/24/2005

May 2005

Your Name and Address
Kevin M. Cassick
463 Westwood Ave
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Sincerely,

Nancy J. McCready

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BRAC Commission
Received
6/24/2005

06/13/2005

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Sincerely,

Norene M. Hounsbury
(A Concerned Citizen)
2705 Whitney Ave.
Niagara Falls, NY 14301

DCN 3339
06/13/05

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Sincerely,

Norene M. Lowenbury
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2705 Whitney Ave.
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Special Edition Save The Niagara Falls Air Base!!!

BRAC Commission Received 6/24/2005

686 UAW DELPHI

Quality Network

Wednesday June 8, 2005

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Sincerely, Elizabeth A. Doman

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James M Switzer
(A Concerned Citizen)

James Switzer
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Shirley Johns
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Rita Spear
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Paula Lederhouse
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Elizabeth A Newton
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Josephine M. Enzinna
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Eleanor I. Munzel

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LOCKPORT, NY 14094

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1088 Ridgewood Dr.
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Betty F Day
(A Concerned Citizen)

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13 ALABAMA PL
LOCKPORT, NY 14094

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Zanette M. Best
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Christopher J Best
(A Concerned Citizen)

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CHRIS BEST
697 GARDEN WOODS DR.
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RICHARD A. LANDSHEET
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Robert A. McMaster
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Gasport NY 14067

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Sincerely,

Brian Liska
(A Concerned Citizen)

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Arthur T. Sullivan, Jr. USNR
(A Concerned Citizen)

ARTHUR T. SULLIVAN, JR.
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Anthony L. Corsaro
(A Concerned Citizen)

ANTHONY L CORSARO
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Sincerely,

Rachel Tracy
(A Concerned Citizen)

Rachel Tracy
259 77th St.
N.F., N.Y. 14304

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Mike
Alex

A Concerned Citizen

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Sincerely, Paul Bradegorn

A Concerned Citizen

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Sincerely,

Thomas D. O'Connor
(A concerned Citizen)

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Michael P. Goodwin
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Tonawanda NY 14150

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Stan Phillips
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Denise M. Chad
(A concerned Citizen)

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Tonawanda, NY
14150

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(A concerned Citizen)

123 Eugene Ave

Kenmore NY

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Sincerely,

William P.
(A concerned Citizen)
138 Howard St
Buffalo NY
14207

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Debra Cassiere
(A concerned Citizen)

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apt. 11 Buffalo NY 14222

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Patrick E. F-1
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199 Columbus Ave.
Buffalo, N.Y.
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(A Concerned Citizen)
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Bill Barker
(A Concerned Citizen)
105 Sawyer
Depew NY
14043

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LEONARD BAKER
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KEN. N.Y. 14217

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Olive C Fessler
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Sincerely,

(A Concerned Citizen)

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Jack Murphy
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Mike Welch
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Patricia Dietz
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Kenneth Burgstaller
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