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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

~~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. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the reserves?

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,

Julie A. Ironstone  
(A Concerned Citizen)

228 Louvaine Dr.

Kenmore, NY 14223

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June 2005

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

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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove the Niagara Falls Base from the list.

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 more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit was able to help rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves? You must also recognize:

- 1 The federal government has invested more than \$35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
- 2 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.
- 3 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.
- 4 Niagara Falls' existing infrastructure can accommodate eight (8) additional C-130H model aircraft without any military construction.
- 5 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,

*Rebecca Heckerste*

Name

*3771 Ransomville Rd, Ransomville NY 14131*

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Arlington, VA 22202

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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. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the reserves?

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,

*Claudia Fleckenstein*

(A Concerned Citizen)

*3771 Ransomville Rd  
Ransomville, NY 14131*

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**From:** (Christina Sharples)  
**Date:** 06/15/05 16:52:41  
**To:** info@nimac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Christina Sharples () on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 16:52:38

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address1: 74 Xavier Rd

city: Clarence

state: New York

zip: 14031

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

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 more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

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? Furthermore, who will defend Niagara Falls. It's a big tourist attraction.

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,

Christina Marie Sharples

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Dolores Schwartz)  
**Date:** 06/15/05 16:53:43  
**To:** inform@natic.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Dolores Schwartz () on Wednesday, June 15, 2005 at 16:53:40

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address1: 74 Xavier Rd

city: Clarence

state: New York

zip: 14031

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is a not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and to remove Niagara Falls from the closure list.

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 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 to 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,

Dolores Irene Schwartz

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Karli A. Durkee)  
**Date:** 06/16/05 09:00:00  
**To:** info@nimaac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Karli A. Durkee () on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 08:59:57

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address1: 3339 Joshua Lane

city: North Tonawanda

state: New York

zip: 14120

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

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 more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

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,

Karli A. Durkee

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Justin A. Durkee)  
**Date:** 06/16/05 09:00:53  
**To:** info@nmaac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Justin A. Durkee () on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 09:00:50

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address1: 3339 Joshua Lane

city: North Tonawanda

state: New York

zip: 14120

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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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 more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

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,

Justin A. Durkee

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Karen Schumacher)  
**Date:** 06/20/05 09:50:32  
**To:** info@nimaac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Karen Schumacher () on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 09:50:29

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address1: 7243 Cedar Street

city: Akron

state: NY

zip: 14001

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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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,

Karen A. Schumacher

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Sally Valone)  
**Date:** 06/19/05 20:53:25  
**To:** info@mmmc.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

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Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Sally Valone () on Sunday, June 19, 2005 at 20:53:23

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address1: PO Box 96

city: Silver Creek

state: New York

zip: 14136

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

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 more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

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,

Sally Valone

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**From:** (Anthony Casilio)  
**Date:** 06/20/05 02:53:06  
**To:** info@numac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Anthony Casilio () on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 02:53:02

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address1: 6949 Christi Lane

city: Niagara Falls

state: NY

zip: 14304

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

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 more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

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,

Anthony Casilio

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Kimberly M. Kreger)  
**Date:** 06/19/05 19:09:34  
**To:** info@nmaac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Kimberly M. Kreger () on Sunday, June 19, 2005 at 19:09:32

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address1: 3711 E. Lake Rd.

city: Dunkirk

state: NY

zip: 14048

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

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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?

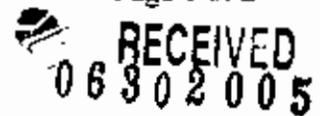
I urge the Commission in the strongest possible terms to remove Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,

Kimberly M. Kreger

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Colleen S. Bullion)  
**Date:** 06/16/05 10:49:40  
**To:** info@nmaac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Colleen S. Bullion () on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 10:49:37

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address1: 289 Koenig Road

city: Tonawanda

state: New York

zip: 14150

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission reverse this decision and remove them from the list.

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 more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

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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,

Colleen S. Bullion

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**From:** (Donna Bonehill)  
**Date:** 06/16/05 09:16:46  
**To:** info@nmae.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Donna Bonehill () on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 09:16:43

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address1: 98 Hillside Drive

city: Avon

state: New York

zip: 14414

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

<< Donna Bonehill >>

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Madison R. Durkee)  
**Date:** 06/16/05 09:01:38  
**To:** info@mmac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by  
Madison R. Durkee () on Thursday, June 16, 2005 at 09:01:35

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address1: 3339 Joshua Lane

city: North Tonawanda

state: New York

zip: 14120

comments:

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

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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Sincerely,

Madison R. Durkee

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**From:** (mark Stevens)  
**Date:** 06/20/05 09:41:10  
**To:** info@mmac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by mark Stevens () on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 09:41:07

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address1: 2412 stoelting street

city: naigara falls

state: ny

zip: 14304

comments:

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

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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 more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit helped rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves?

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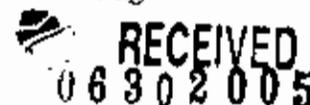
Sincerely,

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Mark Stevens

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (Eric Eugene Hackett)  
**Date:** 06/20/05 09:22:25  
**To:** a1fina@mmae.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Eric Eugene Hackett () on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 09:22:22

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address1: 3861 Orchard Street

city: Walworth

state: NY

zip: 14568

comments:

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

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Sincerely,

SSGT Eric F. Hackett

submit: Send Letter

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**From:** (John J. Stoffo III)  
**Date:** 06/20/05 11:00:18  
**To:** info@numac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by John J. Stoffo III () on Monday, June 20, 2005 at 11:00:15

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address1: 1615 Broadway

city: Grand Island

state: NY

zip: 14072

comments:

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

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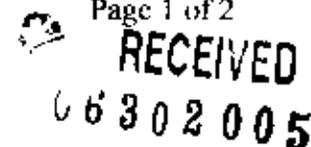
Sincerely,

John J. Stolfo III

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**From:** (Jerry W. White)  
**Date:** 06/17/05 08:29:09  
**To:** info@nmae.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Jerry W. White () on Friday, June 17, 2005 at 08:29:06

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address1: 1729 Willow Avenue

city: Niagara Falls

state: New York

zip: 14305

comments:

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

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Sincerely,

6/17/2005

Jerry W. White

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**From:** (Anita M. Miller)  
**Date:** 06/17/05 08:31:42  
**To:** info@mmac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Anita M. Miller () on Friday, June 17, 2005 at 08:31:40

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address1: 175 East Park Drive

city: Tonawanda

state: New York

zip: 14150

comments:

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

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Sincerely,

6/17/2005

Anita M. Miller

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**From:** (cheri hahn)  
**Date:** 06/17/05 12:18:50  
**To:** info@nimaac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by cheri hahn () on Friday, June 17, 2005 at 12:18:46

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address1: 603 fulton avenue

city: angola

state: ny

zip: 14006

comments:

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

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