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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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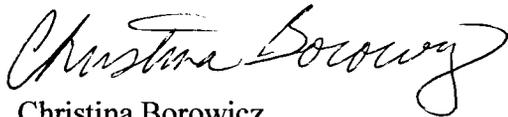
The Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base is of vital importance to the U.S. borders and for future recruitment and security in the wake of the increased terrorism threat to the United States. I urge the BRAC Commission to reconsider its decision to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base.

This most cost-efficient facility is strategically located to provide security and response to border issues where we host 5 border entry points. History has proven our area is a prime stakeout and hideout as evidenced by the Lackawanna 6. The Department of Homeland Security can especially benefit from coordination with this easily expandable facility. As our defense systems integrate into a most broad and sound protection system, it seems ludicrous to take out such a crucial component as this air reserve base.

The NFAFR base has been chosen as a Military Enlistment Processing Station and given international needs, could provide an excellent entry way for New York recruited citizens, who might not otherwise be approached if this last New York state facility is disposed of.

Lastly, you have invested \$150,000,000 into this facility over the last ten years, why would you say now this facility is no longer worth the investment this country has made in it? We urge you to consider the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve base for this country's protection and future.

Sincerely,



Christina Borowicz

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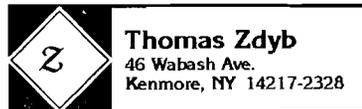
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I find it appalling that the active duty forces have seen fit to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many dedicated and militarily proficient members of both the Air Force Reserve and the New York Air National Guard based at the Niagara Falls 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,

I am a former airman who was stationed there from '68 to '69 before being shipped to Nam. I find it very hard to believe that you'd leave this area unprotected, especially with the Great Hydro Plant nearby. Also, I feel Canada has added protection with our base. Thank you for listening & your time.

*Sincerely
Thomas Zdyb (enSgt)*

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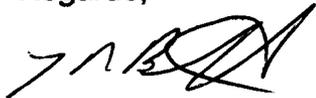
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Robert Romanowski

P.S. In the environment that exists in the world consolidation of bases makes for a more convenient target and slower response times. A disaster in the making.