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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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183 Willow St
Lockport, N.Y. 14094

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Sharon K. Attie
(A concerned Citizen)

133 Fairmont Ave

N. Tona, NY 14120

Comment:

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so close to this base you
would think they would keep
this base open to protect it.
It supplies Electricity to a
large portion of the Northeast
States. Thank you.

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Kathleen R. DeCamater

Name

467 Lake Ave. Lancaster, NY 14086

Address (mandatory)

* We are in the midst of a war. WHY would you close any military base?!?!?

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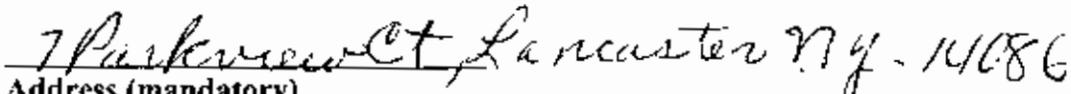
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MICHAEL SHERIDAN & *John Sheridan*
Name

251 Hemstreet Road
Address (mandatory)
EAST AURORA, NY 14052

*We support
keeping the
base open
but we
oppose the
war in Iraq*

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Mary A. Pflin
Name

6) The base is adjacent to one of the highest volume border crossings in the US - what happened to Homeland Security?

348 GERRARD AVE, E. AURORA, NY 14052
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Sincerely,

Ruth E. Depew
Name

4791 Wilbur St #119
Address (mandatory)

Depew, NY 14043

What about the protection of the water plant, Falls & Terraces flying over from Canada. Right now the border should be protected now & always!

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Sincerely,



Name

1326 West Avenue, Medina, NY 14103
 Address (mandatory)

This air Reserve base has near it a large pool of potential reserves. With the base closing, that pool of future reserves will decline!

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Donald E. Sebald
(A Concerned Citizen)

5405 GRAUER RD.
(Address)

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. 14305
(City, State, Zip)

Keep this base here
and open Niagara
Falls air port we
need them both

6/20/05

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Sincerely,

Susan V. Wolf

(A concerned Citizen)

6292 Hoover Rd

Leicester (Niagara Co.)

New York 14132

*Also as a resident
of Niagara Co I am
concerned with the
impact on our economy -
if the base is closed. It
is the second largest
employer in Niagara County*



Niagara Military Affairs Council

Supporting the military of Niagara

June 30, 2005

BRAC Commission

Hyjek & Fix
Attn: Steve Hyjek
2100 Pennsylvania Ave NW
Suite 560
Washington, DC 20037

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Mr. Hyjek,

Please find enclosed an additional 5000 Letters (bundled in groups of 100) to the BRAC from members of our community.

The letters include handwritten and typed letters, emails and on-line petitions from our web site.

We are emphasizing community support and are running an intense letter writing campaign to meet your goal of 20,000+. With this box, we have provided you with a total 36,300!!

Please let us know if there is an urgency to send you more by a certain date. Otherwise, we will send large amounts like this as they are collected.

Regards,


Jennifer Overholt
Executive Assistant, NIMAC

6-1-3105

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Sincerely,

Thomas J. Jankowski

(A concerned Citizen)

126 W. Park View Rd

(address)

Williamsville NY 14221

6-22-05

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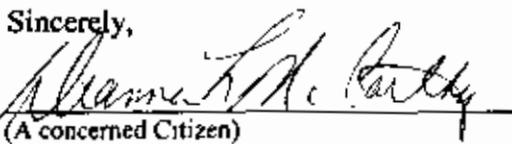
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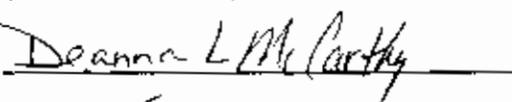
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147 Halwill Dr

Snyder, NY 14226

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43 Dakota St.

Buffalo, NY

14216

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Christine M. Myers

Name

154 Camden

Address (mandatory)

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Maxine Anstett

Name

Mrs. Maxine D. Anstett
726 Ransom Rd
Lancaster, NY 14086

*P.S. What about the proximity
to the Power project, Niagara Falls,
Canadian Border, St Lawrence Seaway?*

June 27, 2005
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Name William D'Amico

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Name

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77 Tonawanda New York 14120

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Amylone Scott

Name

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Albert Richter

(A concerned Citizen)

35 Lakeside Crescent

(Address)

Lancaster, NY 14086

(City, State, Zip)

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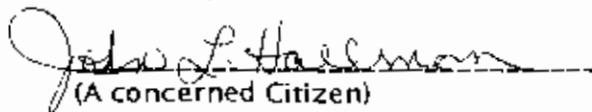
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Brenna Walsh
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Danborn, NY 14132

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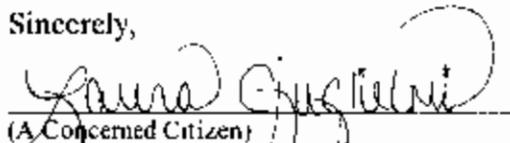
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LEWISTON, NEW YORK

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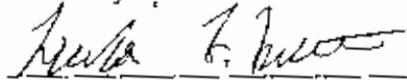
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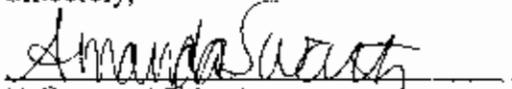
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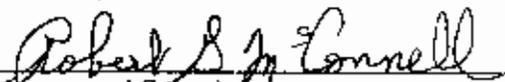
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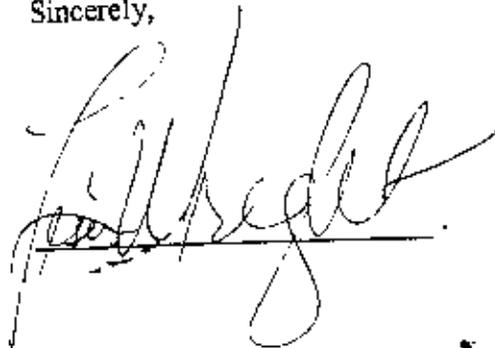
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West Seneca, NY 14224

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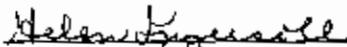
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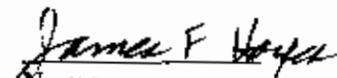
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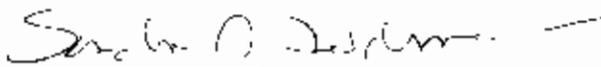
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- 1 The federal government has invested more than \$35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
- 2 Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most 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,



Name

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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,

Stacy Lewis
(A concerned Citizen)

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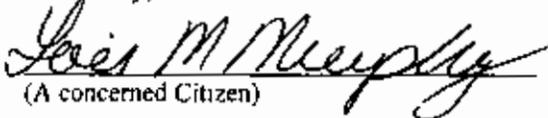
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Also, how will the Department defend the region, or will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters, when they occur after these massive cuts?

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Sincerely,

Marilyn Doyle

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BRAC COMMISSION

Gentlemen,

I AM WRITING THIS letter with great concern about the consolidation of our military AIR BASES.

The thought of having our planes in a smaller # of bases SCARES ME. All I think of is what happened at Pearl Harbor.

I would rather see a reduction in cost cutting spending at all areas of military and a open bidding for purchasing of supplies.

Please look at other avenues of cutting cost. — Thank you,

Yours truly
Donald V. Dischare

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Amherst, NY 14226
June 27, 2005

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Dear Chair Principi and Brac Commissioners:-
I appeal to you to retain the Niagara Falls
Air Force Reserve Base in Niagara Falls, New York.
My neighbor, a member of the reserve at
Niagara Falls Air Force Base recently returned
from his second tour involving the conflict
in the Middle East. He told me how impressed
he was with the eagerness of the Iraqi
people he witnessed during the recent
election in that country. This is evidence of
Iraq's hope for democracy. Even more important
to Americans has been the war of terrorism,
including the action of American military
forces in preventing Iraq from becoming a
major refuge for terrorists. Many reservists
from the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base
have served in the recent conflict and
may likely be called upon again.

There are numerous reasons to retain and even expand the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base.

- Recruitment - This entity has been extremely effective in recruiting personnel. Removal of this base will severely impact on recruitment in this geographic area at a time when recruitment of military personnel is down in various areas.
- Efficiency - Costs have been reduced making this one of the most cost effective operations of its kind.
- Expansion - The existing structures and infrastructure can service additional aircraft. Additionally, acreage is available for expansion.
- Public Impact - The base stands as a visible symbol of our patriotic devotion to the security of our nation.
- Economic Impact - The budgetary impact, i.e. the projected savings, are unlikely to be as great as expected. Employment of personnel has a significant economic impact in this area. Western New York has struggled with the loss of employment in heavy industry for many years.

I urge you to keep the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base active.

Yours truly,
Kathryn Haeborg



Niagara Military Affairs Council

Supporting the military of Niagara

BRAC Commission

July 6, 2005

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Mr. Principi:

Please find enclosed an additional 2500 Letters (bundled in groups of 100) to the BRAC from members of our community.

The letters include handwritten and typed letters, emails and on-line petitions from our web site.

We are emphasizing community support and are running an intense letter writing campaign to meet a goal of 100,000+. With this box, we have provided you with a total 51,000 letters!!

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jennifer Overholt', written over a large, stylized flourish.

Jennifer Overholt
Executive Assistant, NIMAC