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

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Sincerely,

Mitchell J. Haick  
(A concerned Citizen)

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4805 Hermitage Rd.

Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14305

June 3, 2005

Dear MR. Principi  
CHAIRMAN BRAC:

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Re: NIAGARA FALLS AIR Base

I AM NO military EXPERT, BUT I WAS AN OFFICER IN THE MICHIGAN ARMY NATIONAL GUARD. IT IS NO SECRET THAT WESTERN N.Y. HAS BEEN DECIMATED BY PLANT CLOSINGS, A MYRIAD OF BANKRUPTCIES, ALONG WITH THE MOST IRRESPONSIBLE AND FISCALLY UNACCOUNTABLE POLITICIANS.

IF THE AIR Base IS CLOSED, IT WILL DEAL ANOTHER DEVASTATING BLOW TO WESTERN N.Y. ITS FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES. THERE ARE THOSE ECONOMISTS THAT SAY GOOD THINGS CAN ARISE FROM Base CLOSINGS BY ATTRACTING NEW PRIVATE ENTREPRENEURIAL BUSINESSES. THAT PROBABLY HAS HAPPENED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THEY FAIL TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT THERE IS NOTHING BUSINESS FRIENDLY HERE, ONLY THE HIGHEST TAXES IN THE COUNTRY AND THE WORST GOVERNMENT IN EXISTENCE. NO BUSINESS WILL COME!

EVEN MOST IMPORTANT IS SECURITY FOR OUR NATION'S CANADIAN BORDER. SAVE OUR Base, ECONOMY & COUNTRY!

God Bless,  
David M. Rogala

Dorothy Gesel  
89 Mac Arthur Dr.  
Williamsville Ny 14221

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Dear Mr. Principi,

My husband (Major George H Gesel) retired from the USAF (active duty and reserve) in 1971 and 34 years later he still knew the value of the Air National Guard.

His request was in lieu of flowers at his funeral, remember the troops and their families. In April of this year our family and friends did just that. Several of them said they had a wonderful sense of pride to honor George and his wishes.

the 107<sup>th</sup> was not a tour of duty or a few years of his life. He was so proud of the 107<sup>th</sup> and the jobs they performed. Keep that pride alive and productive in Niagara Falls, Ny and we will make you proud of your decision to keep our base open.

For the young men who have grown old and the young men now serving you can count on us to continue to serve you well.

Thank you, your job is not easy, the stories are many but thank you for letting me tell mine.

Dorothy Gesel

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June 6, 2005

Representative Brian Higgins  
Larkin Bldg.  
726 Exchange St., Suite 601  
Buffalo, NY 14210

Dear Representative Higgins:

The Pentagon has recommended the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, NY 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 Power Authority's Hydropower complex which harnesses the Niagara and supplies substantial power to the Northeast Unity 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 the 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 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.
- We have also reduced our 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.
- Closure of the base would also eliminate 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 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 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing and 914<sup>th</sup> 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,

Ronald G. Lucas  
President

**BRAC Commission**  
**Received**  
6/23/2005

Lona L. Tobin  
578 Locust Street Apt. 1  
Lockport, NY 14094

June 21, 2005

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark St. Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

I'm writing in response to the news that the BRAC is recommending the closure of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

Many of us are concerned about the negative impact on our local economy. That is a complaint that you will hear in most of the letters you're going to receive. And it's true that the base is a major employer in an area that is experiencing job losses anyway. The manpower numbers (military staff 115 and civilian 527) that you have published as expected to be lost seems small. It appears that this would be a very efficient airbase to keep open, particularly since there have been over \$35 million dollars invested in new facilities in the last 10 years and our costs have been reduced by more than a third – largely in utility reductions.

Our reservists come from all over western New York. These are mostly people with jobs and families that are established in this area. If our base closes, they won't be in a position to uproot their families and quit their jobs (also consider the spouse's job) to move out of state to maintain their part-time reservist or volunteer positions. You will lose these fine men and women. Also, by condensing your bases in one area, where will the pool of new recruits come from? Any one area can only provide a limited supply of volunteers. Who will fight the war that costs more than the base closings will save in any year?

I know that you would like to take the planes from the Air National Guard and the Reserve Airlift Wing to replace aging planes in other areas. Of course, you'll have to wait until they all come back from the middle east to get them – at that time you can let the men and women who went with the planes know that you no longer feel they and their families are important enough to keep – you only want the planes. Why aren't there enough reliable aircraft maintained in these other bases now?

My senator advises that our base could accommodate up to eight more C-130H aircraft without any military construction. Plus, we actually have room for expansion with no physical encroachment nor air traffic control constraints. As you can see, I am deeply opposed to closing this base. I'm asking that you reconsider the impact of your recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,



Lona L. Tobin

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Creating Lifetime Opportunities for People with Developmental Disabilities  
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June 2005

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Chairman Anthony Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

As a supporter of Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara, the largest human service provider for people with developmental disabilities in Niagara County, New York, I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendations 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.

Your recent visit demonstrated why the Base should remain open as well as the impact that the Base has on the economy and the safety of all American citizens. Specifically, the Niagara Falls Base provides employment through government contracts for individuals with developmental disabilities through Opportunities Unlimited of Niagara, an organization I am deeply committed to. These individuals are mentally retarded, and/or affected by cerebral palsy, autism, neurological impairments or epilepsy, and the jobs they hold in janitorial maintenance at the Base provide them with independence, skill development, socialization, confidence and a paycheck. They perform a vital service for the Base, while becoming more active and productive citizens.

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Sincerely,

P. J. Walsh  
Name

41 Steele Circle Niagara Falls NY 14304  
Address (mandatory)

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June 28, 2005

Brigadier General Sue E. Turner (USAF, Ret)  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark St. Suite 600  
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Dear Madam:

I was pleased that four members of your committee were able to visit us here in Niagara County. You were able to see first hand how supportive the community is of our base and the fine men and women of our communities that serve there. We are proud of our reservists and guardsmen as well as the civilian workers.

Thank you for your time – we do appreciate the difficult decisions that you will have to make and we hope that you came away from Niagara Falls with the information that you will need to make them.

- Our base has a stellar recruiting and retention record. How will you have over 100% manning rates when you have mega-bases that draw recruits from just one community?
- We are well located for missions to Europe and beyond and we're well positioned for homeland security.
- We already have a large facility and have room to grow.
- A new Military Entrance Processing Site is being built right now – and millions of dollars have been spent on improvements to our base already.
- Our base is very economical to operate – costs have been cut steadily including huge utility savings.
- Community support is outstanding. We could not be prouder of our military personnel at Niagara Falls.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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303 Patrick Place  
Warsaw, New York 14569-1036  
May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2005

Base Realignment/Closure Comm.

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Niagara Falls, N.Y. 14304-0231

Dear Members of the Commission:

What are the higher ups thinking of at such a time in our country's history?

I would think that after what happened on 9-11 that we'd want and need more security for our nation and its people.

Certainly I would say that Niagara Falls Air Base should be one of the bases that remain open, not only for economy wise but by all means security wise due to the Power Plant which supplies power throughout a good area of the Northeast especially in New York State.

After reading the newspaper accounts I agree when the saying goes, why put all our protection in one area. Those which are along our Nations borders should certainly be the ones to stay open to protect us from our neighboring countries whether they be friendly or not.

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Let's also keep these jobs in Niagara Falls. Let's put the protection of our area and country 1st and foremost. I feel safer having protection close by and not how many miles away, such as Little Rock, Ark.

Look again at what happened in New York City and Washington, DC plus Pennsylvania, we don't need to witness such tragic views on our TVs, Newspapers again.

Let's keep the Niagara Falls Air Force Base open for security.

I'm proud to be a Brother of a member of my family who served 20 plus years as a Control Tower operator with the US Air Force. He retired from Eglin Air Force Base in Fla. It was in August 1982 at the age of 50, he died a tragic death in Fla.

This is why I'm proud to help the Air Base to remain open in Niagara Falls, NY.

Good luck in the forthcoming meetings in the closure of the Air base. I will keep all the good servicemen/civilians and families in my prayers, and be assured I hope the best to all.

Thanks for taking time to read this letter as I hope it does some good for all of us.

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JESSE U. MCGEE  
219-69<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
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IN SERVICE U.S.A. AIR FORCE  
4 YEARS, 3 MONTHS, 5 DAYS

IN SERVICE U.S.N.  
4 YEARS, 9 MONTHS RESERVE  
DUTY.

IN U.S. ARMY AIR FORCE ORIGINAL  
ENLISTMENT MAY 28, 1941 FOND DU LAC,  
WISCONSIN, I DECIDED TO ENLIST BEFORE  
BEING DRAFTED TO ENABLE MYSELF TO BE  
A AIRPLANE MECHANIC. AFTER 4 YEARS, 3 MONTHS  
AND 5 DAYS WAS DISCHARGED SEPTEMBER 7, 1945

AFTER SEVERAL YEARS AND NOT GETTING  
A GOOD JOB AND LEARNING THAT THE  
NAVY WAS GOING TO OPEN A BASE AT  
NIAGARA FALLS AIRPORT I ENLISTED AND  
HELPED START BASE JANUARY 5, 1949, I WAS  
A ORIGINAL OPENING MEMBER WHEN BASE  
OPENED IN OLD DOUBLE HANGERS ON PORTER  
ROAD SIDE OF AIRPORT.

AT THIS TIME AIRPORT HAD AIR FORCE  
WITH FIGHTER PLANES. LATER CHANGED TO TRANSPORT  
PLANES AND A NATIONAL GUARD UNIT OF  
REFUELING PLANES

THE AIRPORT HAS SINCE BEEN UPGRADED BY AIR FORCE TO ITS PRESENT CONDITION. THIS INCLUDES UPGRADING LONGEST RUNWAY TO ITS PRESENT LENGTH. THIS RUNWAY LENGTH ALLOWS ALL HEAVY DUTY PLANES TO LAND

I would like to say that I think This Base would be better to continue as it has for the last 58 years and hope that it will continue to do so for years to come. I have a further interest in keeping the base open as my youngest son is a tech Sgt in the 914 air Reserve center. and it has helped him to fit in as several of his friends are in the Airforce Reserve program also.

Respectfully,  
Jesse W. McGee

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Patricia A. Delgrosso  
(A concerned Citizen)

1119 - 85<sup>th</sup> St.

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May-05

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Sincerely,

*David M. ...*  
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Grand Island NY 14022

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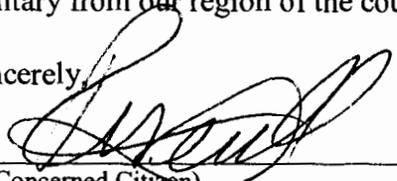
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(A Concerned Citizen)

ROBERT DEULL  
6299 MILLEVILLE CIR  
SANBORN, NY 14132

Why is the Air Force spending millions of dollars building new facilities at this base if it going to be closed?

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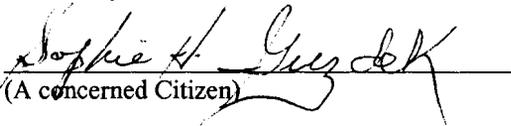
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(A concerned Citizen)

Sophie H. Guzdek  
725 Seneca Street  
Lewiston, NY 14092

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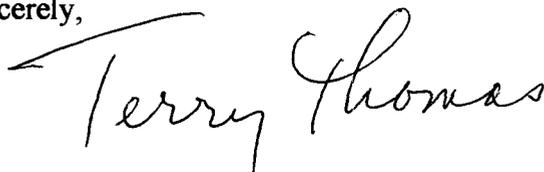
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*Louise Ann Alessi*

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(A Concerned Citizen)

Michelle Crosby

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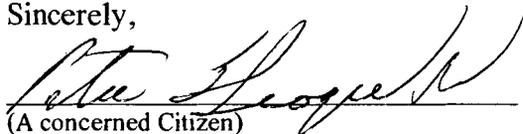
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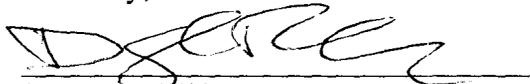
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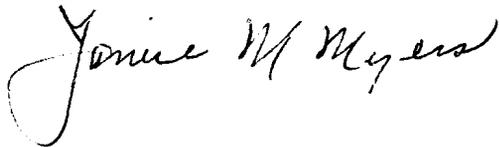
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July 18, 2005

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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BRAC Commission

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

JUL 19 2005

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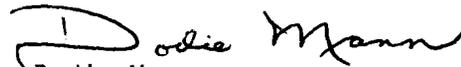
Spending all the money to build (what is it called?) a Mega Base..when here on the border of Canada, the United States...and not too far away major cities: and so many electric power lines--does it make sense concentrating so much power in the middle of the United States? Remember Pearl Harbor... as the song says...where there was a concentration of so many ships and planes.

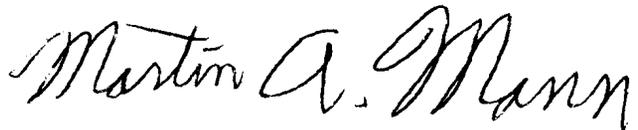
It has always made us proud in this area when they do their fly-overs on Guard nights....plus how many people have dedicated their lives to working on the base and going over seas so many times whenever called??!!

Many times...their air shows have given us a sense of security..

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Very truly yours,

  
Dodie Mann



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June, 2005

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David R. Tragan  
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Tonawanda, N.Y. 14150  
(City, State, Zip)

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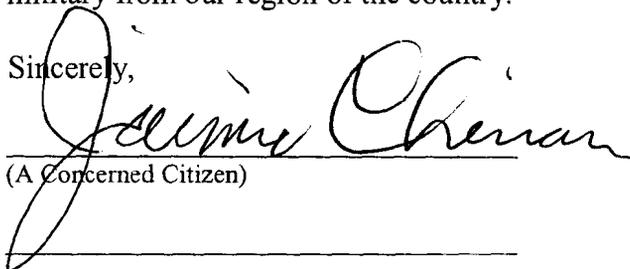
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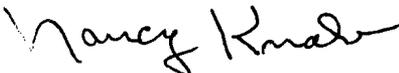
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*Chicktown, N.J. 14225*  
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BRAC Commission  
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Base Closure – Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station

Received

Dear Sir or Madam:

6/12/2005

I join with numerous military colleagues, past and present, to share with you our disappointment and concern that your BRAC Commission has recommended closure of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, Niagara Falls, New York. The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station is the home of the 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Air Force Reserve and the 107<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing, New York Air National Guard. Depleting their combat readiness at this critical time when our military arsenal is experiencing serious shortages and overuse of resources appears to be contrary to effective and efficient military planning.

Both Air Force units have a 56-year successful history of being embraced by the Western New York community, evidenced by their continued recruiting successes and citizen support at a time when other locations are failing to do likewise. Based upon recent decisions, Command operations planners have recognized the sustained combat readiness of these citizen airmen. For example: the 107<sup>th</sup> ARW was deployed immediately after the September 11, 2001 tragedy and continually thereafter, serving wherever and whenever needed. The 914 AW has been deployed on more than one occasion to the Iraqi danger zone, demonstrating night flying proficiency in combat conditions, and tasking to fly visiting government dignitaries in the wartime environment in Iraq because of their flying excellence.

Currently, the Niagara Air Reserve Station houses two proven and combat ready air units at a reasonable return on investment to the Department of Defense. Hopefully, your Commission will revisit the data made available to you and follow up with an on site visit before finalizing your work.

From perusing news releases, it appears the BRAC Commission has redistributed military assets with minimal regard to building on the existing base assets. Considering the impressive amount of federal funds invested into the Niagara Air Reserve Station to improve its capability, e.g., new transient quarters, runway extension, construction of a Military Entrance Processing Site, etc., it seems appropriate to build on this momentum by reallocating other regional military assets to the site. Would it not be feasible to relocate the nearby US Army Support Center, the US Coast Guard helicopter operation positioned in adjoining Erie County, and the Army National Guard Helicopter unit from Rochester, New York to the Niagara location? We are sure, with local input, there will be other worthy realignments to weigh in on.

With the emphasis being placed upon the need for implementing homeland security measures, it again appears that the Niagara Air Reserve Station is well positioned for training purposes, stationing of critical equipment, and a consulting resource point for emergency services. Certainly, its location to the major population center of the United States identifies it as a central point when reaching out to the population masses during a crisis situation.

Another disconcerting Commission action is the reallocation of Guard and Reserve assets to active duty units. Not only are you displacing highly qualified personnel and degrading combat ready organizations, your action can be, rightfully or wrongfully, interpreted as declaring subtle war on Guard and Reserve components. Guard and Reserve organizations have continually fulfilled their missions successfully for years and years. Sacrificing reservists to build up the active duty forces may be a short-term gain without addressing the real problem. As you know, our Nation has been historically depended upon their Militias and civilian volunteers.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

*Frank E Antonucci*

USAF

MSGT (RET)

17820 ALEXANDER RUN

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LOCKPORT NORTH END NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH/BLOCK CLUB 6/12/2005  
98 WASHINGTON STREET; LOCKPORT, NEW YORK 14094  
E-MAIL ADDRESS: LkptNENWBC@wmconnect.com

TO: BRAC COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C.

To Whom It May Concern,

We are the Lockport North End Neighborhood Watch/Block Club, located in the City of Lockport, Niagara County, State of New York, and we are a newly formed neighborhood watch/block club that not only has started crime watch/prevention but also, with the help of Niagara Falls Block Club Council President Roger Spurback, has started Community Emergency Response Training Programs designed to prepare our homes, businesses, and neighborhoods in our community for not only natural disasters but also man-made disasters such as terrorist attacks or bio-chemical terrorist attacks.

We are in turn writing to ask and strongly urge you to keep the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base open not only for the impact economically on the Niagara region but being that we in a time of war and the possibility of another terrorist attack in the future is high we feel that the air base is important if such events should unfold and closing this base makes no sense what with the area we live in.

Being that we have several power projects including the Niagara Power Project and several chemical facilities in our area including one within our own neighborhood, not to mention the fact that we are close to an international border with Canada, we need to maintain this base.

In a time when we are working to make our residents aware and prepare them for the possibility of a terrorist threat, it does not send the right message closing this base, especially in a time of war and terrorism so we again ask and strongly urge you to reconsider closing the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Base.

Sincerely,  
Lockport North End Neighborhood Watch/Block Club

SIGNATURES:

Daniel J. Wilson (PRESIDENT) - 6/11/05

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**Niagara County Fire Advisory Board**  
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**Niagara Falls, New York 14304**  
**(716) 695-3927**

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6/12/2005

May 23, 2005

Honorable Bilbray  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington VA 22202

**RE: Proposed Air Base Closing**

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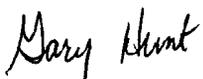
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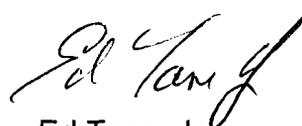
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6/12/2005

May 23, 2005

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Niagara Military Affairs Council  
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**RE: Proposed Air Base Closing**

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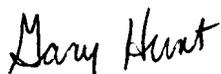
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118 Woodbury Drive  
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May 30, 6/12/2005

Base Realignment & Closure Comm.

c/o NIMAC

PO Box 231

Niagara Falls NY 14304-0231

Dear Commissioners;

New facilities and record performance provide a needed border homeland defense asset for this area.

There are no air traffic control constraints in the area but there are 3 international bridges, a major power plant, and chemical plants.

The units serving here have performed ofte and very well whenever called on. Let's keep this ready group which is always at 100% manning rate. Please remove it from the closure list for these & many more good reasons.

Don't penny pinch us into a weaker unprepared country.

Walter G Baker

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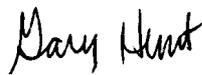
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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,



**PS: I am also very concerned about the base closing since we are so close to the Canadian border and the Robert Moses Niagara Power Plant, which helps supply power to much of the east coast. By closing the base, these places become extremely vulnerable.**

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May 26, 2005

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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

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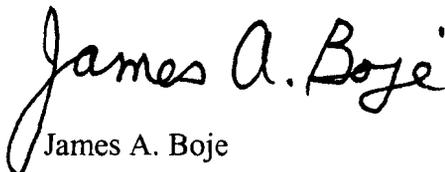
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Sincerely,

  
James A. Boje

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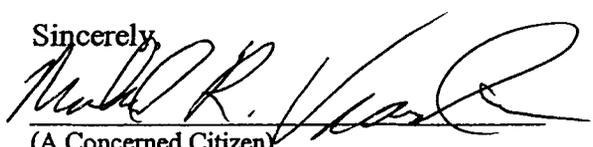
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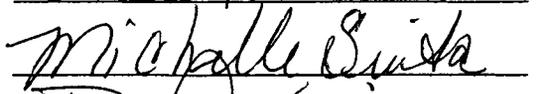
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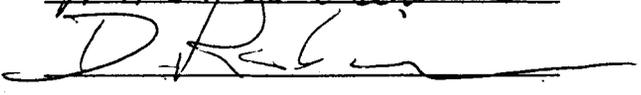
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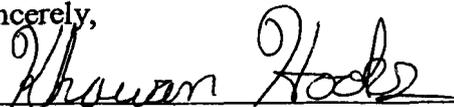
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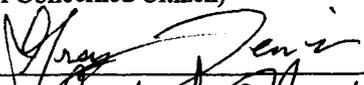
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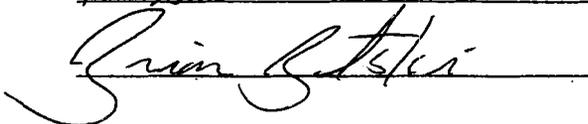
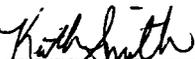
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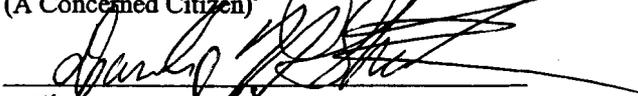
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# Consolidating cargo planes would cut costs

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Falls, scattering its airlift capacity across the country in a way that's inefficient, Heckman said.

By consolidating the cargo planes, the Air Force projects that it can save money by reducing maintenance staffs and allowing more pilots to fly each plane.

"If we're going to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money, we can't be putting these (planes) out in penny packets," Heckman said.

## Location a factor

Nevertheless, the Pentagon recommended closing the Niagara Falls base even though it scored higher than other bases on the "Mission Compatibility Index" designed for the base closure process.

Heckman noted many of the lower-scoring bases that fly C-130s are National Guard bases.

"The Air Force Reserve is a bit more portable than the Air National Guard," Heckman explained, citing two reasons.

For one, Guard units often include much-needed "expeditionary combat support" operations, such as police, medical personnel and civil engineers, who frequently deploy with other forces. Secondly, Heckman said, Guard units perform both a federal and state function, making them harder to cut.

That did nothing to protect the Air National Guard's 107th Air Refueling Wing, which, like the Air Reserve's 914th Airlift Wing, is based at Niagara Falls. Under the base closure plan, the 107th would lose its KC-135 refueling tankers to a base in Bangor, Maine.

The Bangor base scored lower than Niagara Falls in the Air Force's refueling ratings, but Heckman said other factors led to the decision to expand the Bangor facility.

Heckman said he believed that Niagara Falls' fuel-pumping capabilities didn't match those of the Bangor base or similar facilities in

## Clipping Niagara's wings

Where jobs from the local air base would go

Operation	Destination	Number of jobs to be transferred
Aircraft refueling	Bangor AFB, Maine	162
Electronic combat support	Schriever AFB, Colo.	83
914th Airlift headquarters	Langley AFB, Va.	30
Civil engineering	Lackland AFB, Texas	2

Niagara jobs to be eliminated: 354

Source: Department of Defense documents

New Jersey and New Hampshire. In addition, the Bangor facility is the U.S. refueling base closest to Europe.

"Bangor's location did weigh in its favor," Heckman said. "But again, there was no one factor that you could really point to."

## Good recruiting record

The recommendation to close the Niagara Falls base angered Maj. Gen. Thomas P. Maguire Jr., adjutant general of the New York National Guard, who said last week that the closing would leave the governor "hard-pressed to stage any kind of relief effort" in Western New York in the event of a terrorist attack or even a major snowstorm.

But Heckman said the U.S. Northern Command, the Colorado-based command element that oversees homeland defense, had reviewed the base closure plan and was "quite satisfied with it."

The Northern Command — which oversees the joint U.S.-Canadian North American Aerospace Defense Command — agreed with the Air Force's assessment of how Niagara Falls ranked in terms of importance to homeland defense.

"With the combination of bases we have, there was not a compelling reason to keep Niagara open," Heckman said.

Heckman served as co-chairman of the Air Force's Base Closure Executive Group, which also considered the impact that base

closures could have on military recruiting and retention.

He acknowledged that the Niagara Falls base has a strong recruiting record, but said that, too, was not enough to outweigh the other factors that called for the base to be closed.

"We are going to need fewer Guard and reserve C-130 folks," he said. "We're going to need more in other areas."

## Options for reservists

While some of the full-time jobs at the Niagara Falls base would move to other facilities around the country, the Air Force doesn't know where the Niagara Falls reservists would end up serving out their tours of duty, said Moen, the top Air Force Reserve officer on the base closure group.

"The command right now is taking a look at all the various options, but we need to see what the final BRAC (base closure) commission does," Moen said.

Reservists might be able to join nearby units or transfer to the National Guard.

"Taking care of our people is going to be priority number one," Moen said.

As for National Guard members, their positions would follow their planes to Bangor.

"But we realize it would be an awful long commute," Heckman said, and that is why Guard personnel would likely be able to join other Guard units within New

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York State.

The generals also stressed that the decision to close the Niagara Falls base is now in the hands of the independent Base Realignment and Closure Commission, which will hold a hearing in Buffalo on June 27. The commission is scheduled to amend the Pentagon's base closure recommendations by Sept. 8.

Told of Maguire's complaint that state commanders were left out of the base closure process, Heckman said the commission will be sure to hear their views.

"People say well, gee, the politicians didn't get to play, the TAGS (adjutant generals) didn't get to play, and that's correct," he said. "That's by design, because the time they play is now."

## Lawmakers complain

Politicians argue, however, that the Pentagon isn't playing fair. More than 40 members of Congress — including Rep. Thomas M. Reynolds, R-Clarence, and Louise M. Slaughter, D-Fairport — have signed a letter to Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, complaining that the Pentagon is keeping much of its base closure data classified.

"Release of this data is required by law, and the continuing delay in its disclosure will increasingly undermine public faith in the transparency and fairness of DOD's decision-making process," the letter said.

In response, Heckman said the Pentagon was being careful for good reason.

"We're just making sure we're not releasing sensitive information," he said.

Heckman acknowledged he had never been to the Niagara Falls base, but he stressed that the base-closure process was a personal one for everyone involved.

"We have great bases," he said. "We just have too many of them."

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*Cynthia Travers*

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Stephen Frost  
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lose 20% of its workforce.

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Amarillo, Lubbock, Clovis, and Portales house a large  
number of veterans who depend on Clovis for  
medical care.

Please reconsider all the facts before making your final  
decision.

Respectfully Yours

Step. Frost

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Stephen Frost  
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Respectfully Yours

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Stephen P. Slish  
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June 6, 2005

NIMAC  
P.O. Box 231  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

It is with deep regret that I read that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Center was on the BRAC list for closure. Not only is the Center one of the major employers in the area, it was my first base of assignment. I started my military career as a member of the 107<sup>th</sup> Tactical Fighter Squadron, NYANG, working in base transportation. I had the privilege of deploying to Vietnam with this unit. As a result of this experience, I became a member of the active Air Force and remained on active duty until retirement in 1992.

Growing up in Niagara Falls, the base was always there. The base was often the focal point of community activity. I attended many open houses at the base enjoying the display of aircraft and of course, the Thunderbirds. One of my first sports banquets was at the Base NCO club where our hockey coach was a member and sponsored the affair. My dad got a big kick out of receiving the snappy salute from the Security Specialist on the gate. In my recent visit, I too received that courtesy and it brought back many memories.

Why keep the base? Besides being a major employer, it is the face of the USAF in western New York. There are no active duty units in the state so each Guard or Reserve unit is used to support active duty recruiting. The disappearance of these units in Niagara Falls will remove that face from the area. The base has also supported emergency services in the area. Remember those big snowstorms that closed the Buffalo Airport. The long, heavy, duty runways enabled the use of C-5 aircraft to transport much needed snow removal equipment to the area thus providing relief to a snow bound Western New York. Where would they land if you were to close this facility?

Keep Niagara open should be the cry of all people living in Western New York. The jobs that will be lost belong to your neighbors. The goods no longer sold to the base come from businesses owned by your neighbors. You need the base to support your community and its people.

For the Commissioners who will read this letter, remember the failures of past Commissions. Not all formerly closed bases have recovered from the actions of BRAC. Many remain empty hulks of their former self. The jobs that did come in are nowhere close to the same pay or prestige as those being lost. The area cannot afford the loss of

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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.

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

\*Niagara Falls faces no physical encroachment or air traffic control constraints and has acreage on the base and adjacent to the installation for expansion.

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

Thank you for your consideration regarding this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Angeline Fields  
1845 Transit Rd Apt 29  
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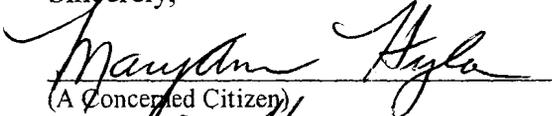
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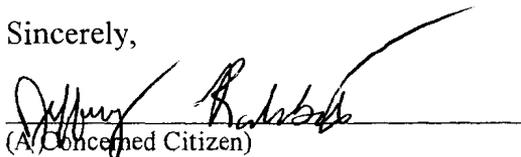
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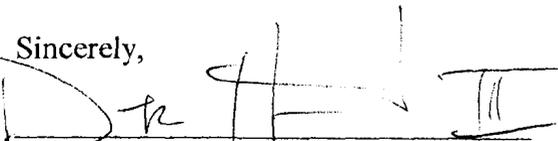
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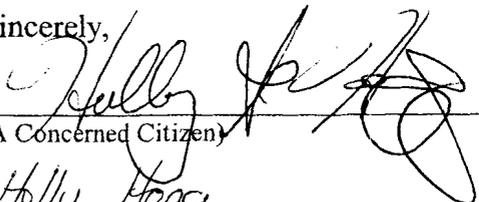
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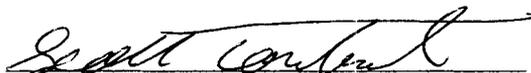
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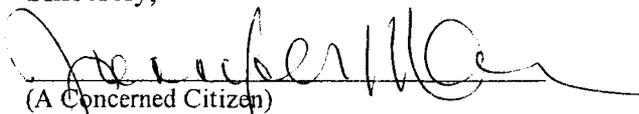
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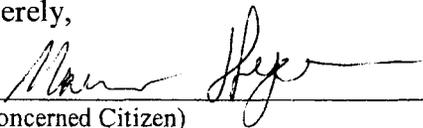
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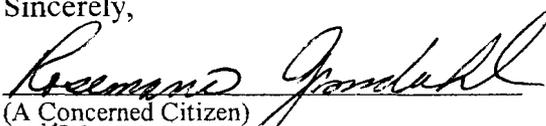
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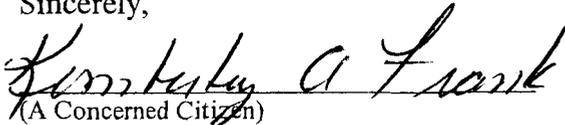
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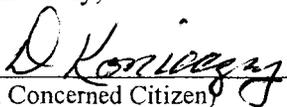
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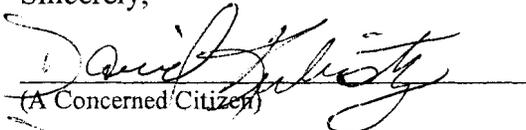
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Mary Ann Hottum  
(A Concerned Citizen)

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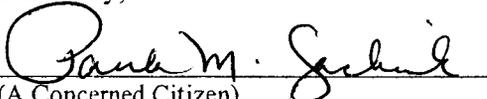
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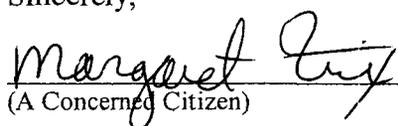
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Niagara Falls, Ny.  
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Sincerely,

*Maudat P. Meigs*

(A concerned Citizen)

*720-10th Street Apt 1102*

(Address)

*Niagara Falls, NY 14301*

(City, State, Zip)

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Pass it on if you are not  
interested.*

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Ransomville NY  
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Sincerely,

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- 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.
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Sincerely,

LEO D MINNIE

Name

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Sincerely,

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(A concerned citizen)

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Laura Minnie  
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Besides all of the previous.....

..... it is a sad fact that Newburgh, Rome and Plattsburg air bases have already been closed. Niagara Falls is VITAL to NY State and the whole Northeast

..... the "appearances" are (politically) that NY and the Northeast were "blue" states and the choices seem to be "reward and retribution" - true or not.

..... 9-11-01 was an attack on America - our nation and our people but NY State has had to carry the heaviest of burdens

..... Militarily it seems absolute folly to abandon our northern border to put "all our eggs in one basket" so to speak by creating a megabase - nice target for our enemies, I'd say. We need to spread our strength across our nation and it seems pretty dumb not to - in my opinion.

..... if our base was so close, you would be <sup>reproving or</sup> ~~undermining~~ the support and strength that our community offers in support of our troops. When I visited my son in California - I said "Where are the flags?" "What flag?" Our flag! What

for? To support our troops! There are <sup>pg 3</sup>  
no flag. At home, <sup>(here) Maggona Falls</sup> there are flags  
everywhere. Flag, yellow ribbons,  
yellow & red-white-blue magnets on  
cars. Lots of display of patriotism.  
I guess its because we all know  
someone in Iraq or Afghanistan.  
Someone from right here. Sons, daughters,  
children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers  
friends, neighbors. They are on our prayer  
lists-by name. My physician just returned  
from his 2nd tour. My friend Cox-in-  
Law has been to Iraq 4x. Men and  
women in uniforms are in our  
community. Stores, restaurants. We can  
walk up to them and say thank you. We  
can buy them lunch sometimes. They come  
to our schools - as parents, aunts, uncles  
and the children have an opportunity to  
"know" the troops. This is all very  
important you know. It gives us an  
opportunity to participate with very  
personal support and love and caring.  
Please do not make this horrible mistake.  
You have a difficult task. May God  
Bless You & Guide You. Sincerely,  
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Oliver Chichester

(A Concerned Citizen)

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*BUFFALO NEW YORK 14204*  
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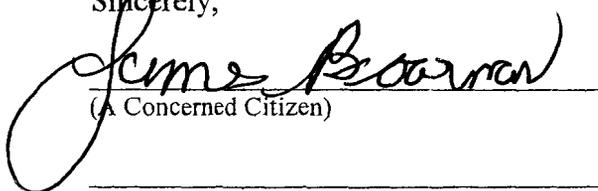
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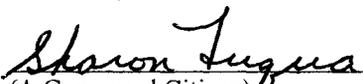
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(A Concerned Citizen)

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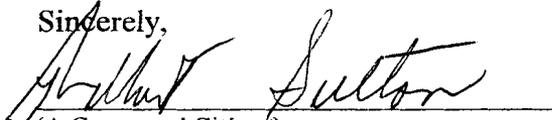
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**IMPORTANT PHONE #'S:**

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 CRYSTAL D. PEOPLES, NYS 141<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT ASSEMBLYWOMAN.....897-9714  
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 TAX DEPARTMENT.....851-5571  
 USER FEE DEPARTMENT.....851-5966  
 PERMITS & INSPECTIONS.....851-4925  
 PARKING ENFORCEMENT.....851-5832  
 IMPOUND.....851-5369  
 CLAIMS/LAW DEPARTMENT.....851-4330/851-4343  
 POTHOLE.....851-5685

E DISTRICT POLICE STATION.....851-4416  
 C DISTRICT POLICE STATION.....851-4412  
 BPD HOMICIDE UNIT.....851-4466  
 BPD NARCOTICS DIVISION.....851-4575  
 FBI (BUFFALO OFFICE).....856-7800  
 DEA.....551-4421  
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 NYS DIVISION OF PAROLE.....847-3481

**CONSTITUENT COMPLAINT FORM**

(Optional)

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

(Required)

COMPLAINT Category (CIRCLE ONE):  
 Garbage Housing-Inspection Housing-Demolition Potholes  
 Pest Control Drug Activity Street Lights-Outages Replacement Can  
 Cars Abandoned Houses Domestic Disturbances Other: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY IN QUESTION: \_\_\_\_\_

\* (if Drug-Related)

Suspects (names, nicknames, and/or description): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Point of Sale (Side window, back door, corner, etc): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Time of day busiest (days, nights, afternoons): \_\_\_\_\_

\* Weapons observed or suspected? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

\* Dogs or other potential danger? \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIPTION OF PROBLEM: \_\_\_\_\_

Please provide as much information as possible.

Please mail to:

Mr. Antoine M. Thompson  
 Masten District Councilmember  
 Room 1316-A City Hall  
 Buffalo, NY 14202

Mr. Jay Duderw  
 Director of Citiz  
 Room 218 City  
 Buffalo, NY 14202

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July 19, 2005

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Sincerely,

Karen A. Rader  
(A concerned Citizen)

Karen A. Rader  
(Address) 5771 Griffin St.  
Sanborn, NY 14132

(City, State, Zip)

18 July 2005  
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263 William St  
(Address)

Tonawanda, NY 14150  
(City, State, Zip)

June 2005

Anthony J. ...  
Clark Street  
Buffalo, NY 14203

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It is understood that the base has been used for military missions and that the military has been using the base and its facilities for more than 50 years.

The base has been used to meet significant challenges in the region and was the only base in the region for Western New York. The base has been used for many years.

The base is used in the Department of National Guard and other military units. It is used for more than 50 years.

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Respectfully,  
Ms. Miriam Langan

God Bless America  
Ms. Miriam Langan  
446 Linden Ave.  
Buffalo, NY 14216-2748

**Ransomville UMC & FC**

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**From:** "carol houwaart-diez" <ch-diez@unitedwayniag.org>  
**To:** "Ransomville UMC & FC" <mail@ransomvilleumc.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 25, 2005 11:27 AM  
**Attach:** VERSION B051905.doc  
**Subject:** Niagara Military Affairs Council letter campaign

Joan,

As a volunteer with the Niagara Military Affairs Council, we need everyone's help with a letter campaign. Attached is the template we are using. Please make copies and circulate amongst your peers, co-workers, family and friends. The Niagara Falls Airbase has a huge impact on our community, both financially and in people hours.

Your assistance is always appreciated and if this can be done in a quick manner that would be great. It is our hope to get over 20,000 letters to deliver to the BRAC Commission by June 3, 2005. All letters collected can be mailed directly to NIMAC, P.O. Box 231, Niagara Falls, NY 14304 or to the United Way office and we will get them to NIMAC or once you have them I will pick them up.

Thanks.

**Carol**

Carol G. Houwaart-Diez  
President  
United Way of Niagara  
345 Third Street  
Suite 570  
Niagara Falls, NY 14303  
716-285-8461 ext. 109

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Questions:  
Who would oversee the border and the farms if you closed this?  
Will you please respond to me directly about this? Thank you.

<<...>>  
3 bridges to Canada and countless farms. Niagara County is known for its vegetable, fruits, and dairy. Please don't do this. I grew up here and returned after 17 years in N.Y.C. I use to work @ the World Trade Center.  
5/26/05

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Ann Kennedy  
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PO Box 233

Ransomville, NY

14131

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JUNE 11, 2005

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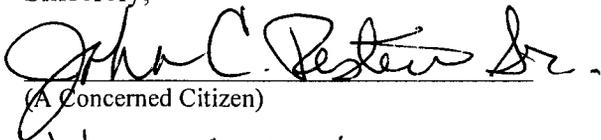
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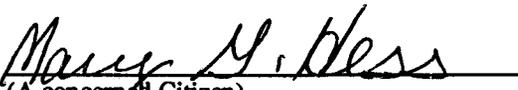
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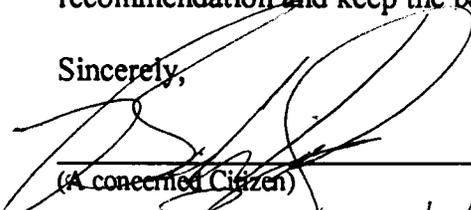
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43 Bosse Ln  
West Seneca NY  
14224

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93 Manchester Rd  
East Aurora, N.Y.  
14052

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Don F. Duff  
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29 Woodgate Dr

Chick NY-14229

716-667-2516

June, 2005

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*S2 SANDY LANG*  
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*CHEEKTOWAGA N.Y 14227*  
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(A Concerned Citizen)

*52 Sandy Lane*  
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(address)

*Cheektowaga, NY 14227*  
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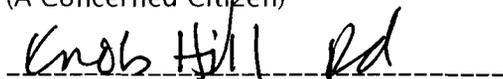
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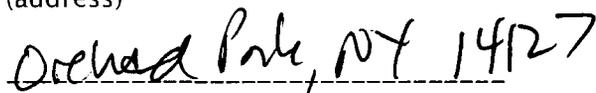
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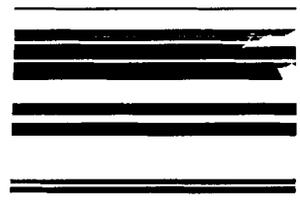
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