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Dear Commissioners:

The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce wants to go on the record about the future of Otis Air National Guard presence at Mass. Military Reservation. It is our position that every means possible to preserve the 102<sup>nd</sup> Air Wing at the base should be taken. We stand shoulder to shoulder with the other organizations and individuals who are working daily to that end.

The mission of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Air Wing in its role of protecting the security of our homeland should be reason enough to maintain its deployment at Otis. However, the support the 102<sup>nd</sup> gives to the Cape Cod Coast Guard Air Station is also integral to our Cape Cod way of life, securing the life of those at sea in times of peril. Additionally, the infrastructure upon which other military units and the Barnstable House of Correction rely are intricately tied into the Fighter Wing's presence.

The Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce was an active member of the Community Working Group, which participated in a multi-year process of developing a master plan for the Mass. Military Reservation. After years of consensus building and negotiation with the military, the community now embraces our relationship with the MMR. We believe in its mission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendy K. Northcross". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Wendy K. Northcross, CCE  
Chief Executive Officer