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

Dear Chairman Principi:

I watched you on television on Sunday, July 24, 2005 and marveled at the responses that you must make with such an awesome task before you with the Base Realignment and Closure list.

You no doubt have the report submitted for the June 30, Public Hearing in Atlanta, GA from the City of East Point in reference to the closing of Fort McPherson. I just wanted to reinforce the concern with the City that we do not want that installation to close.

Fort McPherson is an integral part of the East Point community. We have over 20 cooperative partnership agreements where citizens and staff interact. Fort McPherson volunteers assist in community projects with countless hours contributed to schools, the elderly and civic organizations, such as Habitat for Humanity. In addition, Fort McPherson provides a unique educational forum for civic organization and schools through its Army in Atlanta Museum on post. We are a vibrant and diverse community with a lot of action generated by activities on the post and in our City.

Fort McPherson has been a vital instrument in the City of East Point. The impact of the loss of the base will seriously harm our local businesses, unemployment rate, first responder's agreement, military retirees, water revenue, and the quality of life for our East Point's citizens. We strongly urge the BRAC Commission to reconsider and remove Fort McPherson from the base closure list.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact us at (404) 765-1004. Thank you again for your time and consideration in the matter.

Sincerely,

Patsy Jo Hilliard  
Mayor

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CC: East Point City Council Members  
Lisa Gordon, City Manager  
Chris Hummer, Chairman-Mayor's Redevelopment & Planning Task Force