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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark street, Suite 600  
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Dear Chairman Principi:

As President of the University of Indianapolis, I am writing you in strong support of the recommendations of the United States Department of Defense to the Commission regarding consolidation of Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) employees to Indianapolis.

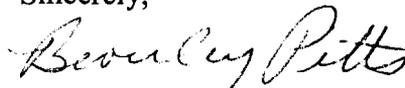
Founded in 1902, U of I is a comprehensive institution of higher education with a faculty and student body representing diverse faiths, nationalities, and racial and ethnic heritages. We offer a personal approach to education and a commitment to academic quality. In addition to the challenging undergraduate, master's and doctoral programs, students benefit from the close proximity to the city and our strong community partnerships. I am confident that U of I can offer a nurturing and diverse learning environment in support of a growing DFAS workforce.

While realizing the value of the traditional classroom learning experience, U of I also is committed to facilitating opportunities for students to learn about the external environment in which they will work. Our students are encouraged to apply their knowledge to real world situations through internships, active learning in the classroom, and community service. The process of consolidating the number of employees of this magnitude in Indianapolis will offer a multitude of opportunities for our students to gain such important knowledge.

Finally, the University's Institute for Emerging Careers is uniquely positioned to support the development of skills integral to the success of the DFAS operation. The Institute's mission is to identify new career paths for students and developing the curriculum and experiences students need to be well-prepared for professional life in these fields. We would welcome the opportunity to discuss how the Institute might serve DFAS.

In closing, I can appreciate the magnitude of the decision before you and am grateful for the Commission members service to our country. Please know that the University of Indianapolis stands ready to support a decision to consolidate the DFAS operations in Indianapolis.

Sincerely,



Beverley J. Pitts  
President