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May 23, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi
Chairman
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi:

It is our understanding that the Commission will be performing site visits prior to the regional hearings around the country that were recently announced. We would like to work with you in order to schedule a site visit to Ellington Field in Houston, TX, by you or another member of the Commission.

Unfortunately, Houston was not selected as a site for one of the regional hearings, so we would like to afford you or a fellow commissioner this opportunity to better understand the assets of the 147th Fighter Wing and its regional importance. During this visit, we hope to provide the Commission with additional, substantial data that was outside the scope of the Department of Defense's data calls that is important in conveying the 147th's military value as it relates to other BRAC criteria.

We look forward to scheduling this site visit for a member of the Commission, as well as, presenting information to you concerning Ellington Field at either of the hearings scheduled in Texas. Please feel free to get in touch with our offices to make arrangements prior to the June 22 hearing in Dallas, or the July 11, San Antonio hearing. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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