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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi:

As you are aware, the Base Closure and Realignment Commission is considering adding additional installations to the BRAC list for consideration as well as reevaluating the BRAC's decision for the consolidation of the various Defense Finance and Accounting Service offices located throughout the country. As you know the Charleston DFAS facility has been slated to be closed. Should the commission reverse their decision regarding DFAS consolidation I would like to submit the following rationale for keeping the Charleston DFAS facility open:

- The Charleston DFAS facility is a new building (built mid-1990s) and was renovated in 1997 at a cost of \$6.9 million.
- The Charleston DFAS facility meets new anti-terrorism force protection requirements; a new security system was installed in 2005.
- The building is currently being leased from the City of North Charleston at \$1 per year for 50 years with 46 years remaining on the current lease. There is an option for an additional 50 years on the lease.
- There is sufficient room for expansion. Total capacity: 661 available workspaces with 372 current employees.
- The Charleston DFAS warehouse has an area of 120,000 square feet
- There are large conference and team rooms and 2 fully-equipped training rooms
- Many current Charleston DFAS employees have experienced previous BRACs, such as the closure of the Charleston Naval Base and Shipyard, and have been retrained for the positions they currently hold, an investment in time, money, energy and talent.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


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Member of Congress