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Base Relocation and Closing Commission

Dear Commissioners,

There are three main reasons foremost in our minds that the Air National Guard 102nd Fighter Wing should not be removed from Otis Air Force Base. They are as follows:

1. The Coast Guard Air/Sea Rescue Wing will be forced to pay $17 million to maintain the airstrip and control tower. They do not have the funding to do so and will be forced to relocate if the 102nd leaves. Ironically, they will also go to Atlantic City. Consequently, they will have very little flight time over the water off New England where they make the vast majority of their rescues. This will cost lives as well as money.

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3. The Department of Defense/Air Force never considered the value of using the Otis/Edwards base for homeland defense. By virtue of the 102nd's strategic position on Cape Cod it is perfectly located to intercept the thousands of flights from Europe therefore playing a strategic role in homeland defense. The 102nd can coordinate with all of the Army National Guard units, Coast Guard and the northeast's first line defenders in anticipating various training scenarios. They would not have that flexibility at a commercial airport.

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While we are concerned for the many families of our districts that earn a living at the base, we believe there are more than enough strategic and tactical reasons not to move the Air National Guard from Otis.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

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June 29, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi,
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Dear Chairman Principi:

I am writing in support of the Pentagon,s Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Soldier Systems Center ˆ Natick. Mass Defense Technology Initiative, co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney, has led the public-private partnership to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities.

For decades, Hanscom and Natick have made significant contributions to the technological advancement that drives our nation,s warfighting capabilities. The command and control technologies developed at Hanscom and the soldier systems advancements from Natick help give the U.S. military a technological advantage over every other military force in the world.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Principi:

As President of the North Suburban Chamber of Commerce and our Military Affairs Council as well as a member of the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI), I am writing in support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Solider Systems Center – Natick. MassDTI, co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney, is a public-private partnership created to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities.

Our membership companies not only provide design and manufacturing to the Air Force, with Hanscom's Electronic Systems Center (ESC) serving as the manager, but also provide contractor support to ESC in that management role. What we have is the combination of contractors, laboratories and universities in the greater Boston environs that makes our region an ideal location for growth as the Defense Department's premier C4I Center.

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Sincerely,

Maureen A. Rogers, President

Since 1951, serving the Route 128 Corridor and the communities of Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Carlisle, Concord, Lexington, Lincoln, North Reading, Reading, Stoneham, Wakefield, Wilmington, and Woburn.

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July 6, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable – a member of the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI) – please accept this letter as an expression of our support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Soldier Systems Center – Natick. MassDTI, co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney, is a public-private partnership created to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities. Because of the importance of both the Hanscom and Natick facilities to our membership, as well as the social and economic vitality they bring to our state, MBR is pleased to be part of this effort.

The membership of the Massachusetts Business Roundtable includes some of the largest and most economically important employers in the state, including the MITRE Corporation and Raytheon, both integral partners with Hanscom and Natick. For decades, Hanscom and Natick have made significant contributions to the technological advancement that drives our nation's warfighting capabilities. The command and control technologies developed at Hanscom and the soldier systems advancements from Natick help give the US military a technological advantage over every other military force in the world. Roundtable members work closely with the bases, serving the companies, the state of Massachusetts, and the nation well.

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By recommending the addition of more than 1100 new direct jobs to Hanscom and retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Pentagon has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its technological capabilities. The Massachusetts Business Roundtable recognizes that commitment and will do its part to help these facilities continue their critical work and grow for the future.

Sincerely,

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Alan G. Macdonald
Executive Director

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495/MetroWest Corridor

June 30, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the 495/MetroWest Corridor Partnership, we would like to express our support for the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations made by the U.S. Department of Defense to preserve the Soldier Systems Center - Natick and expand Hanscom Air Force Base in Massachusetts.

The Partnership is a non-profit advocacy organization serving the Massachusetts 495/MetroWest region's thirty-two towns, over half a million residents, and an employment base of $13.5 Billion by addressing regional needs through public / private collaboration, and by enhancing the economic vitality and quality of life while sustaining natural resources. Governed by regional leaders from municipal government, regional employers, state legislative delegation, and non-profit organizations, the Partnership is very concerned about regional constraints and limitations, and has been conducting initiatives on housing, transportation, workforce, and water issues. As part of these activities, the Partnership has been an enthusiastic participant in the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative, a collaborative effort to advocate on behalf of Massachusetts defense facilities that is co-chaired by U.S. Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney.

For decades, Hanscom and Natick have made significant contributions to the technological advancement that drives our nation's warfighting capabilities. The command and control technologies developed at Hanscom and the soldier systems advancements from Natick help give the US military a technological advantage over every other military force in the world.

Soldier Systems Center-Natick has a long history of accomplishments in serving all branches of the military over the last fifty years and was ranked number one in military value for both Human Systems Research and Development & Acquisition by the Pentagon's Technical Joint Cross Service Group (TJCSG). Both Natick and Hanscom ranked in the top ten of several other categories of TJCSG ratings.

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By recommending the addition of more than 1100 new direct jobs to Hanscom and retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Department of Defense has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its higher education institutions, technological capabilities, and culture of innovation. We recognize that commitment and will do everything within our capabilities to enhance the collaboration between academic/high tech/medical sectors and these military facilities so that they can continue their critical work in defense of our nation and grow for the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our perspective on the importance of preserving the Soldier Systems Center - Natick and expanding Hanscom Air Force Base. If you or the BRAC staff have any questions regarding these facilities or the depth of their support, please do not hesitate to contact Paul Matthews at paul@arc-of-innovation.org and (774)760-0495.

Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Principi:

As a member of the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI), I am writing in support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Soldier Systems Center – Natick. MassDTI, co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney, is a public-private partnership created to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities.

The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) owns and operated the airfield at Hanscom Field. Our relationship with the military operations and all the related private sector organizations is interdependent and critical to our combined success. Massport has worked extensively to devise plans that will encourage and permit the growth and continued contributions to national security at Hanscom AFB and Natick. We are prepared to provide whatever support we are able to ensure our Armed Forces are provided the necessary resources and infrastructure to meet their needs today and in the future.

As the owner and operator of Logan International Airport and the Port of Boston, Massport also serves on the frontline for our homeland security. Hanscom AFB is the pre-designated DOD facility to support NORTHCOM in the event of a homeland security event in New England which further binds our mutual interests.

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By recommending the addition of more than 1100 new direct jobs to Hanscom and retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Pentagon has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its technological capabilities. On behalf of the Massport Board of Director, we recognize that commitment and will do our part to help these facilities continue their critical work and grow for the future.

Sincerely,

Craig P. Coy

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Dear Chairman Principi:

Since 1954 the US Army has conducted its most advanced research on soldier equipment at The Soldier Systems Center in Natick. This Army facility states its mission simply: "Provide America's soldiers with the best equipment in the world". I am proud to have this facility in my district for the work it does to protect our service men and women in combat and ultimately to keep America secure. As a member of the Joint Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies of the Massachusetts General Court I am also committed to the advancement of the defense technology industry in the Commonwealth. The Soldier Systems Center conducts some of the most advanced and efficient technology research in the world and is a key economic resource for the Commonwealth and the Northeast region as a whole. State policymakers are cognizant of our responsibility to support the collaborative efforts of the SSC and the entire business/academic defense technology industry which it leads.

I write today to support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to preserve the Soldier's System center and expand Hanscom Air Force Base. For decades, Hanscom and Natick have made significant contributions to the technological advancement that drives our nation's warfighting capabilities. The command and control technologies developed at Hanscom and the soldier systems advancements from Natick help give the US military a technological advantage over every other military force in the world.

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By recommending the addition of more than 1100 new direct jobs to Hanscom and retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Pentagon has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its technological capabilities. We recognize that commitment and will do our part to enhance the collaboration between academic/high tech/medical sectors and these facilities so that they can continue their critical work in defense of our nation and grow for the future.

Sincerely,

Karen E. Spilka

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July 1, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Principi:

Associated Industries of Massachusetts (A.I.M.), is a member of the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI). A.I.M. strongly supports the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Soldier Systems Center – Natick. MassDTI, co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney, is a public-private partnership created to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities.

As a ninety-year-old business trade organization of 7,600 employers collectively employing 680,000 people, A.I.M. includes many businesses with direct and indirect ties to both facilities. For decades, Hanscom and Natick have made significant contributions to the technological advancement that drives our nation's war fighting capabilities. The command and control technologies developed at Hanscom and the soldier systems advancements from Natick help give the US military a technological advantage over every other military force in the world.

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Sincerely,

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Dear Chairman Principi:

As a participant in the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI), and on behalf of the Tewksbury Board of Selectmen, I am writing in support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Soldier Systems Center in Natick. The MassDTI, which is co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney, is a public-private partnership created to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities.

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Sincerely,

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Chairman/Board of Selectmen

cc: Robert Halpin
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Sincerely,

David P. Linsky
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As you know, Massachusetts is a world leader in the development of software and the birthplace of the Internet. We continue to take the lead in cutting-edge technology areas such as robotics, RFID, and nanotech, primarily because of our capacity to innovate, our sophisticated capital providers, and highly skilled workers. Hanscom's continued presence and expansion here enables it to capitalize on these emerging technologies, our innovation-rich environment, and our commitment to technological leadership.

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Sincerely,

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As a quasi-public economic development agency, the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative (MTC) operates at the nexus of government, industry, and academia. We have a long history of working with both Hanscom and Natick, as well as their many academic and industrial partners. As you may know, Governor Romney and Senator Kennedy have asked MTC's John Adams Innovation Institute to work with SSC- Natick to establish a Technology Collaboration Center that will enhance the technology base that supports the soldier, as well as leverage public and private investment in technology transfer and product development to the mutual benefit of the DoD and the Massachusetts economy. I am pleased to tell you that we are well along in our planning effort and would welcome the opportunity to brief the Commission at an appropriate time. I am also pleased to tell you that we believe that we can apply similar approaches to support the mission of the Air Force at Hanscom.

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Sincerely,

Mitchell Adams
Executive Director

Cc: Chris Anderson

Town of Lexington, Massachusetts

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The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chairman
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Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the Lexington Board of Selectmen the governing body of the one of the Massachusetts communities supporting the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI), I am writing in support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Solider Systems Center – Natick. MassDTI, co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney, is a public-private partnership created to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities.

Lexington is one of the four Hanscom Area Towns (HATS) surrounding Hanscom Air Force base. Lincoln Laboratories, a prime defense contractor and affiliate of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, lies within the borders of Lexington and adjoins the Air Force Base. Lincoln Laboratory personnel are active in our community, volunteering their management experience to help run the Town. Much of the Towns commercial development is directly related to base related activities.

The Town of Lexington is proud of its association with the Base and has supported the recommendations made to the BRAC by the MassDTI through resolutions by the Board of Selectmen. We support the initiative of the MassDTI to sustain growth at the Base and recognize the critical role the base plays in our national defense and in our local economy.

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Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the Bedford Selectmen, I am writing in support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Soldier Systems Center – Natick. The Town of Bedford is one of the communities in which Hanscom Air Force Base is located. We have cooperated with the Massachusetts Defense Technology Initiative (MassDTI) which is co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney. This public-private partnership was created to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities.

Hanscom Air Force Base is inexorably connected with the Bedford community at-large. Bedford has educated students from Hanscom at our high school for the last 50 years. Hanscom families participate in many community activities such as youth programs and special holiday events such as Memorial Day and Veterans' Day. Bedford has recently made a significant commitment to the production of affordable and rental housing. In the next few years, approximately 500 rental apartment units will be built in Bedford. This housing, within a few miles of the base, will be ideally located for those civilian and military personnel who are relocated to Hanscom as a result of the Department of Defense's BRAC recommendations.

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Verizon is one of the state's largest private sector investors, with $11 billion in network infrastructure in Massachusetts. Over the past two years, we have spent more than $200 million in Massachusetts to begin bringing fiber optic connections directly to homes and small businesses in the state. Many of the communities in our initial deployment of this technology surround Hanscom and Natick.

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Verizon's continued investments – particularly our deployment of fiber-based services – clearly support the core missions of Natick and Hanscom. With secure, high-capacity broadband connections, vendors, employees and other supporting partners can help retain and grow the technological advantage created for the US military through the command and control technologies developed at Hanscom and the soldier systems advancements from Natick Labs.

By recommending the addition of more than 1,100 new direct jobs to Hanscom and retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Pentagon has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its technological capabilities. Verizon recognizes that commitment and will do its part with the network investments needed for these facilities continue their critical work and grow for the future.

Sincerely,

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The Massachusetts High Technology Council is composed of CEOs from the state's top technology employers who work to make Massachusetts a more competitive place for technology growth. The Council's member companies employ approximately 500,000 people from across the state's diverse innovation economy. In 2004, the Council launched MassDTI, which works to preserve and expand the state's two top defense technology installations, Hanscom Air Force Base and the Natick Soldier Systems Center – but will also support the success and growth of defense technology companies in Massachusetts in the future. Many Council member companies, such as BAE Systems, MITRE, Dynamics Research and Oasis have strong roots in Massachusetts, and contribute to the success of Hanscom and Natick on a daily basis.

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Very truly yours,

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Oasis Systems, Inc is a small disadvantaged business that is strategically aligned to the mission of Hanscom AFB. Access to highly skilled personnel and partnership with research, academic, and institutional organizations has provided Oasis unique and successful opportunities. With the unique resources and capabilities of the Hanscom community we have established our corporate headquarters in the local area.

We support Hanscom by providing expertise to implement DoD and AF mission objectives in the development, utilization, and use of technology. Our connections include support of program offices, research, technology evaluation, and implementation of DoD transformation activities. Access to the capabilities of this community enables Oasis to be competitive in the DoD consulting marketplace. Oasis will continue our commitment to this community by utilizing its unique resources to meet our National Defense objectives.

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Sincerely,

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As a former Commander of the Air Force Electronic Systems Center, I have both the personal knowledge of the capabilities at Hanscom and a clear understanding of the operational importance of this critical organization. At the start of the 1995 BRAC, the Air Force had only rudimentary understanding of the critical importance of C3I and tended to think of Hanscom as only a collection of buildings. Fortunately, before the BRAC decision, it became clear that the first elements we target when we go to war are the adversaries' Command and Control elements. The Air Force realized that the things that make Command and Control such high value targets are the same things that make it so important to our warfighters. Command and Control gives us and our adversaries the eyes, ears, and brains for the combat elements and dramatically increases force effectiveness. That is, Command and Control is of critical operational importance. When the Air Force made this association, the decision in 1995 was clearly to keep Hanscom intact. Today, the realization of the extreme importance of C3I has multiplied and there is, across the services, a clear understanding of the importance of things such as Networked Systems, Netcentric Warfare, and Integrated Air pictures. All of these capabilities are in the sweet spot of Hanscom. Hanscom provides those force enablers better and more efficiently than any other location in the country. That effectiveness comes about because of its proximity to the tremendous technical base in the New England location, the presence of MITRE, Lincoln Labs, and the large supply of the critical and available technical intellectual resources provided by the Boston area's World Class academic community, and the large cutting-edge technical industry. All of these things combine to provide our men and women in the military the very best warfighting capability. In short, Hanscom is about warfighting advantage, and while it has economic impacts, economics were not the reason the Pentagon's BRAC recommended to keep Hanscom and consolidate other capabilities there. Hanscom is a Force Multiplier.

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As host communities of Hanscom Air Force Base, we have a long and proud tradition of partnership with Hanscom. The towns of Lincoln and Bedford have the privilege educating HAFB school children. HAFB personnel serve on our school committees. Several service men and women are members of our local community's Minutemen regiments – carrying on the tradition of our communities' roles as the first early warning system in service to our democracy. Over the years, HAFB has proven to be a good neighbor, a relationship we value highly and hope to continue.

Town of Lincoln and HATS continue to join with our partners in the Mass DTI in supporting the recommendations made to the BRAC . We have most recently done so in official votes of endorsement by both HATS and our local Boards of Selectmen. Past votes by these boards and at our annual Town Meetings have continued to make clear our support of HAFB and our desire to remain as partners and neighbors in service to our national defense.

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Sincerely,

Sara Mattes, Chair
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The Honorable William Delahunt
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JUN 30 2005

Dear Representative Delahunt:

This letter is in response to your inquiry regarding the Coast Guard's interaction with the Department of Defense throughout the BRAC process and the anticipated impact to the United States Coast Guard of closing Otis Air National Guard (ANG) Base.

First, I want to acknowledge the close relationship the Coast Guard maintains with our DoD brethren, as one of the Nation's five military Services. Due to the nature of our Service, the majority of Coast Guard/DoD co-located units are onboard U. S. Navy facilities. The Navy closely coordinated their BRAC analysis with the Coast Guard, providing the Coast Guard the opportunity to comment on any facility that may impact current operations or future plans. This occurred, primarily, in the mid-March 2005 time frame.

With regard to the effects of closing of the Otis Air National Guard Base, I offer the following:

- Currently, Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod and the 102nd Fighter Wing of ANG share use of the air facility at the Massachusetts Military Reservation (MMR). If the ANG departs MMR as a result of the BRAC process, the Coast Guard cost share at the MMR would increase by an estimated $17 million, including 100+ personnel. We are working with the ANG to refine the cost estimate. There is no funding within the Coast Guard's existing budget to support this effort.
- Air Station Cape Cod is optimally positioned for Coast Guard resources to perform the Service's missions in the northeast in the most effective and efficient manner possible. Moving the air station to the nearest available/adequate facility, north or south, puts the Coast Guard at risk for standing up an additional operating facility in the opposite direction.
- Current Air Station Cape Cod assets, 4 ea. HH-60J helicopters and 4 ea. HU-25 Falcon jets, fly 6,000 annual flight hours. In the last 12 months, Air Station Cape Cod has conducted 283 search and rescue missions, including 53 island medevacs. Deepwater plans include using the facility to base CASAs (Construcciones Aeronáuticas S.A.).
- The MMR has evolved into a Joint, multi-service facility, where the Coast Guard provides housing for all uniformed services in the high cost, southeast New England region. The MMR child care center and medical facility are also Coast Guard operated. To manage these facilities, the Coast Guard relies heavily on the cost share with other MMR tenants and the utilities network maintained and operated by the 102nd ANG. Utilities services include electrical, roads and grounds, fuel farm, fire department and wastewater/water treatment.

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Subj: RESPONSE TO THE 28 JUNE, 2005, JOINT INQUIRY CONCERNING THE BRAC PROCESS AND THE MASSACHUSSETTS MILITARY RESERVATION

- Finally, there are substantial groundwater environmental remediation costs at the MMR, estimated to exceed $1.2 billion, which the Coast Guard cannot afford to assume.

I thank you for your continued interest and support of the Coast Guard. My House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775 would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

An identical letter has been sent to Senators Edward Kennedy and John Kerry in response to your joint inquiry.

Sincerely,

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The Merrimack Valley Chamber is a 1,000+ member organization supporting business and economic development within the region. Hanscom is a critical economic development resource providing research and development and technical support to the region's growing technology based companies. In turn,these companies provide a tremdous resource to Hanscom ,which cannot be found elsewhere. The Chamber's members contribute to the base's mission and manufacture or supply many needed parts components,and supplys. In addition, I suspect that a great deal of the effort is due to the cooperative working relationship between Hanscom and the region's business community.

For decades, Hanscom and Natick have made significant contributions to the technological advancement that drives our nation's warfighting capabilities. The command and control technologies developed at Hanscom and the solider systems advancements from Natick help give the US military a technological advantage over every other military force in the world.

The successful track record of these bases can be attributed in large part to their proximity to the nation's top defense technology cluster that stretches from Southeastern Massachusetts into Southern New Hampshire. This region possesses the critical mass of skilled workforce, experienced institutional and academic partners and research and development base to enable these facilities to thrive now and into the future. As this BRAC process has proven, the Pentagon has a willing partner in Massachusetts

to help create the future vision for these facilities.

By recommending the addition of more than 1100 new direct jobs to Hanscom and retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Pentagon has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its technological capabilities. As President of the Merrimack Valley Chamber of Commerce,I want to recognize that commitment and will do my part to help these facilities continue their critical work and grow for the future.

Sincerely,

Joseph J.Bevilacqua
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This is a letter in support of the United States Army Institute of environmental Medicine for the outstanding job they have done with partnering with our school, David Mindess Elementary School, in Ashland, MA for the past eight years. Their contribution to our school community represents eight years of continuing programmatic support to fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Through these past eight years the students have gained a greater understanding of just what scientist's do and how the U.S. Army contributes to science and medicine. Some children have a narrow perception of what a soldier does and they are now able to see that there is more to being a soldier than fighting a war.

The first project the fourth graders were involved in was the backpack study and they learned how carrying too much weight is detrimental to your health. The next activity dealt with finding the proper boot for infantry soldiers. The next year the children experimented with body size and physical performance, and then the soldier-scientists came to the school to present the Scientific Method to all the children. Last year we did a nutrition study using daily logs to keep what the children ate and then entering the data into a computer program to calculate fats and body types. This year we again did the backpack study and had the soldier-scientists give a presentation to the fourth and fifth graders on equipment that soldiers need to survive in the heat of Iraq and Afghanistan and the cold of the North Pole!

Besides making presentations and visiting the school three or four times a year, the soldier-scientists also visit the school to read to students during National Education Week. The students have also had a chance to visit and tour the USARIEM facilities in Natick, MA at the end of each year for eight years. After September 11th, security became very tight in all the military instillations around the country. Although it took a great deal of planning and support on the part of USARIEM, the students were able to tour the facility because it was considered an integral part of the learning process.

USARIEM has made a commitment to the David Mindess School to be our partner and they continue to honor that commitment regardless of the obstacles. I think that it needs to be strongly suggested that this is more than an "army instillation" in the Metrowest area. They are also a respected and dedicated member of the community.

Sincerely,

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June 29, 2005

The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
Polk Building, Suite 600
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202-3920

Dear Chairman Principi:

I am writing in support of the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations to expand Hanscom Air Force Base and preserve the Soldier Systems Center - Natick. Mass Defense Technology Initiative, co-chaired by Senator Edward Kennedy and Governor Mitt Romney, has led the public-private partnership to preserve and expand the missions of these two unique technical facilities.

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SSC-Natick has a 50 plus year tradition of serving all branches of the military and was ranked number one in military value for both Human Systems Research and Human Systems Development & Acquisition by the Pentagon's Technical Joint Cross Service Group. Both Natick and Hanscom ranked in the top ten of several other categories in the TJCSG ratings.

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By recommending the addition of more than 1100 new direct jobs to Hanscom and retaining the core technology mission at Natick, the Pentagon has made a tremendous commitment to Massachusetts and its technological capabilities. We recognize that commitment and will do our part to enhance the collaboration between the academic/high tech/medical sectors and these facilities so that they can continue their critical work in defense of our nation and grow for the future.

Sincerely,

William J. McGinley
Executive Director