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2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Re: Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Michigan

Dear Commissioners:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter as part of the official record at your June 20, 2005 regional hearing in St. Louis, Missouri. We would also like to express our appreciation to Senator Carl Levin for his assistance in setting up this opportunity to make our views known.

The Selfridge Air National Guard Base Community Council's Long Range Planning Committee, a group of supportive local citizens focused on ensuring a positive future for the base, after careful consideration has decided not to oppose the 2005 BRAC decision to close the Army Garrison at Selfridge. While not endorsing this action, we are concerned that no action be taken which would diminish the value of Selfridge, its inherent jointness, its strategic homeland/international border location, and its formidable political/community support.

Our Committee strongly recommends that upon closure of the Army Garrison, all of the attendant Army property be transferred to the Department of the Air Force as a means to guarantee that such property is used in a manner consistent with the important missions of Selfridge's myriad military/governmental units and any future military/governmental activities at Selfridge, including those related to homeland defense. Since Selfridge has been and is projected to remain a very active air base, it is imperative that the property to be vacated by the Army Garrison not be subject to commercial development as this would risk encroachment and a degradation of perimeter security.

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Because of our close relationship to the joint military community at Selfridge and our understanding of the role the Air National Guard and the Air Force Reserves fulfills in our national defense, we are concerned with the treatment of Guard and Reserve forces in the BRAC round and the impact these decisions will have on future training, recruitment and operations.

In the event a member of your Commission visits Selfridge ANGB, we would welcome the opportunity to meet you personally and reinforce Team Selfridge's contribution to national defense.

Your consideration of our Committee's position is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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Chair,
Long Range Planning Committee
Selfridge Air National Guard Base Community Council

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