

**Meade County  
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Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir,

This letter is to advise you that the Meade County Board of County Commissioners has passed a unanimous resolution supporting the removal of Ellsworth Air Force Base from the current Base Realignment and Closure List.

Over seventy percent of Ellsworth Air Force Base is located within Meade County, including the majority of the housing and buildings. As you are aware, the housing is on our tax rolls and is a significant amount of revenue for Meade County. In addition, many of the citizens of Meade County are employees at Ellsworth.

The Meade County Commissioners believe that the closure of Ellsworth would create significant long term problems which will impact the entire county, not just the immediate area around the base. Therefore, we would like for you to remove Ellsworth from the proposed list.

Sincerely,



Robert Mallow  
Chairman