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Anthony Principi
Chairperson, Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Anthony:

I want to thank you for taking a few minutes to visit with me and learn just how important Ellsworth Air Force Base is to South Dakota.

Honestly, I hope the commission doesn't have to assess whether or not Ellsworth should be on the closure list; but if it is, rest assured, we will do all we can to present our best case to convince the commission it should be considered for expansion, not closure.

Again, it was a pleasure meeting with you.

Sincerely,

M. Michael Rounds

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