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Dear Commissioners:

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On behalf of the nearly 4,800 students and 800 faculty and staff members of Abilene Christian University, we are extremely proud to be a part of **Team Dyess**. We strongly endorse the proposed beddown of all B-1s at Dyess and strongly urge that Dyess's current C-130 mission be retained or expanded.

Like Abilene Christian, Dyess has room for expanded capacity in people and infrastructure. ACU begins its Centennial year in August 2005 as one of the largest private universities in the Southwest. We offer prospective students a liberal arts education with 60 baccalaureate degrees in over 100 areas of study, 27 master's degrees and one doctorate on our campus. Additionally, we offer two courses each semester on Dyess Air Force Base in our Organizational and Human Resources Development degree program. We scholarship all tuition costs above VA tuition aid for Dyess and other military personnel. Therefore, they may pursue their higher education with very little out-of-pocket costs. Though we are a large university, our faculty offers personalized instruction and creative alternatives when military deployments or temporary duties arise or conflict with academic requirements.

We also greatly value the experience and knowledge the men and women of Dyess and their family members bring to our community. Like many other Abilene entities, ACU offers employment opportunities to qualified dependents to become university staff members. Our Christian environment is very attractive to students and employees alike.

The Dyess-Abilene partnership is legendary--we, at ACU, are indeed honored to be on that team. We urge you to consolidate all B-1s at Dyess and keep the assigned C-130s in-place--Dyess and Abilene can easily handle the growth. ACU will be there to help!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Royce Money", written in a cursive style.

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