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2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Gentlemen:

The Slidell City Council unanimously adopted attached Resolution R05-18 at its May 25, 2005, Council Meeting.

This resolution respectfully requests that the Base Realignment and Closure Commission reject the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) site in Slidell. The loss of this facility would be detrimental to the housing market and economy of the City of Slidell.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Shawn B. McManus, CMC
Clerk of the Council

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c: Resolution R05-18

1 Introduced May 25, 2005, by Councilwoman
2 Williams, seconded by Council Members
3 Livaudais, Burkhalter, Hursey, Cusimano,
4 Kingston, Canada, Harbison, and Cromer

5 **RESOLUTION R05-18**

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7 A resolution requesting that the Base Realignment and Closure Commission
8 reject the Defense Department's recent recommendation to close the Defense Information
9 Systems Agency (DISA) site in Slidell.

10 WHEREAS, the Defense Information Systems Agency (DISA) in Slidell is on
11 the Defense Department's list of recommended base closures throughout the country; and
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13 WHEREAS, the City-owned property where DISA is located is leased to the
14 federal government at a cost of only one dollar a year; and
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16 WHEREAS, the DISA facility currently has 151 employees and an annual
17 payroll of \$10.8 million; and
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19 WHEREAS, DISA's technological focus serves as a stimulus for the attraction
20 of high-tech businesses and the subsequent development of additional high-paying,
21 professional jobs; and
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23 WHEREAS, the loss of the jobs and relocation of residents would be
24 detrimental to the housing market and economy of the City as a whole.
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28 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Slidell City Council that it does
29 hereby request that the Base Realignment and Closure Commission maintain the Defense
30 Information Systems Agency location in Slidell as an active military installation, and further
31 requests that the members of our U.S. Congressional Delegation support its continued
32 presence in our City.
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4 **ADOPTED** this 25th day of May, 2005.
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8 Marti Livaudais
9 President of the Council
10 Councilwoman-at-Large

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12 Shawn B. McManus, CMC
13 Council Administrator
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