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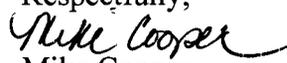
Admiral (Ret.) Harold Gehman  
Commissioner  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Dear Admiral Gehman,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your attention to the delegation from Indiana during the recent BRAC Hearing in St. Louis. I hope the testimony helped you realize the importance of Indiana Military installations, in particular NSWC Crane, and CAAA, to our Nation's Defense and the Global War on Terrorism. As a concerned taxpayer I support the work you are doing to ensure that our Military operations remain as effective and affordable as possible. I also realize that you have a very difficult job in deciding which activities to re-align or close as part of the BRAC process.

I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/realignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not followed sound judgment in making some of its recommendations. Data available on the DOD website ([www.defenselink.mil/brac](http://www.defenselink.mil/brac)) indicates it is going to cost \$150M to move 152 people working on the ALQ-99 depot from NSWC Crane to NAS Whidbey Island. That equals a cost of nearly \$1M per person for the move. In addition, information available at the Federation of American Scientists website ([www.fas.org](http://www.fas.org)) seems to indicate that the platform for the ALQ-99, the EA-6B Prowler, will begin to be retired from service in the year 2010. I find it hard to believe that it is in the best interest of the DOD and the taxpayers to spend \$150M to move 152 people doing work on a system that is about to be removed from service.

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align the ALQ-99 work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into consideration the costs involved in this re-alignment and the relatively short remaining service life of the equipment.

Respectfully,  
  
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