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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Mr. Chairman:

Fairfax County has watched and listened with great interest since May 13 of this year when the recommendations from the Department of Defense went to the Base Realignment and Closures (BRAC) Commission. The scheduling of a hearing before the BRAC Commission for Virginia, and Northern Virginia specifically, is very much appreciated.

Fairfax County wins and loses in the recommendations. Approximately 1.5 million square feet of leased space will be vacated with the associated jobs being located outside the region or elsewhere in the County. The number of jobs at Fort Belvoir is forecasted to increase by approximately 18,000.

At the present time there is not enough information available about where affected employees live for Fairfax County to know what changes may be needed in the future to make the transitions the success everyone wants them to be. The County looks forward to working with State and Federal government officials to ensure the success of the proposed reassignments at Fort Belvoir.

The largest single command currently scheduled to relocate to Fort Belvoir is the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency. This command and others would be welcome additions to our community and play a key role in the ongoing efforts to revitalize Central Springfield and the Richmond Highway Corridor.

Given the inherent competing interests and arguments with the BRAC process, the Commission has a very difficult mission. Thank you for your diligence, and in particular for your consideration of the impacts on Northern Virginia and the State.

Sincerely,

Gerald E. Connolly

cc: Members, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable John Warner, U.S. Senate
The Honorable George F. Allen, U.S. Senate
The Honorable Mark R. Warner, Governor of Virginia
The Honorable James P. Moran, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Frank R. Wolf, U.S. House of Representatives
The Honorable Tom Davis, U.S. House of Representatives
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