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Mr. Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear Chairman Principi:

We are extremely troubled by the recent recommendations of the Base Realignment Commission (BRAC) to close Fort Monmouth and we urge you to reject these recommendations as inconsistent with the stated goal of enhancing the security of our nation. Further, we respectfully request the opportunity to meet with you and your fellow commission members to discuss the potential impact of closing this facility.

As you are aware Fort Monmouth plays a vital role in developing advanced technologies, with an emphasis on communications that protect our nation and assist our fighting men and women who are on the front lines in the War on Terror. In fact, many of the technologies developed at Fort Monmouth are currently being utilized by our soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Surely you would agree that we live in a world that is increasingly dependent on technology and communications. Thus, facilities such as Fort Monmouth will play an increasingly important role in securing our homeland and equipping our soldiers with the most advanced battlefield technology.

We also feel that it is imperative that the Commission take into account the impact that closing this facility would have on the local and regional economy. In addition to the more than 5,000 people employed at the base, numerous local businesses are heavily dependent on the base for their survival. Further, it has been estimated that Fort Monmouth generates more than \$3.4 billion in economic activity and supports more than 22,000 jobs throughout the state. Clearly the closure of Fort Monmouth would have serious ramifications on the economic well-being of the

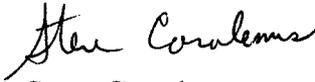
region and the state and must be considered as part of any discussion of the Fort's future.

While we recognize the need to ensure that our armed forces operate in a cost-efficient manner, closing Fort Monmouth would be devastating not only to the region's economy but would seriously undermine the War on Terror both at home and abroad.

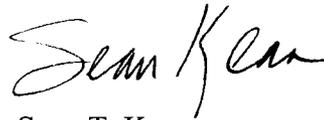
Thus, we urge you to reject the BRAC Commission recommendations and remove Fort Monmouth from the list of base closings. In addition, we would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to discuss this matter further.

Thank you for your attention to this request and please feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



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