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**CAROLYN TOMEI**  
**STATE REPRESENTATIVE**  
DISTRICT 41  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

June 20, 2005

Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
The Polk Building, suite 600 & 625  
2521 South Clark St.  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi,

I am a member of the Oregon State House of Representatives (House District 41). I am writing to ask you to seriously reconsider the proposal to shut down the National Guard Air Base in Portland, Oregon.

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing in Portland protects the Pacific Northwest and Northern California. The decrease in air capability in addition to the current threats that exist places our region in significant danger of an attack.

The 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Squadron is the premier F-15 unit in the nation and has proven that it is critical to carrying out the rule of homeland air defense for the Pacific Northwest. I hope that you will re-evaluate this situation and decide to keep the Portland Airbase open.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carolyn Tomei".

Carolyn Tomei  
State Representative  
House District 41

