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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
Polk Building, Suite 600
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Arlington, Virginia 22202-3909

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We were surprised to learn that the Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission has cancelled one of the two regional hearings that had previously been announced to be held in Texas. Canceling the June 22 Dallas regional hearing will cause an undue hardship on the Texas and Arkansas communities that would have been heard that day. This change will also result in less time for each community to present their cases in support of their military bases that the Department of Defense has recommended for closure or realignment.

As we understand it, all impacted communities in Texas and Arkansas will have only one opportunity to testify before the Commission in the regional hearing scheduled for July 11 in San Antonio. We urge you to reconsider this decision and reinstate the June 22 BRAC regional hearing in Dallas, Texas.

Sincerely,



Governor Mike Huckabee
Arkansas



Governor Rick Perry
Texas

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