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Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
The BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

This letter is in support of keeping the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Mansfield-Lahm Airport in Mansfield, Ohio.

I am writing as Mayor representing the entire community and with the permission of the City Council whose names are listed below.

This base has always been a top Air National Guard Base. It has always kept its strength up and has a high retention rate.

This unit is important to the Mansfield Region that we are a part of by providing jobs and dollars into the local economy.

The highly trained crews that operate the eight C-130's have shown over the last fifty-seven years the quality of its operation. This includes service to our country in Operation Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Operation Noble Eagle, Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

I must also remind you that the Department of Defense BRAC recommendation to close the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing in Mansfield was not coordinated with the Governor or the Ohio Adjutant General as required by Title 10 and Title 32 of the United States Code.

It is a priority to us, as being part of the Mansfield economic region, that we retain the jobs that we have here and continue to keep improving our economy.

**Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
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**We request that you take serious consideration to this letter and keep the 179<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing operating at Mansfield-Lahm Airport.**

**Thank you for your time and consideration.**

**Sincerely,**



**Daniel F. Ross, Mayor**

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