

BRAC Commission

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(A concerned Citizen)

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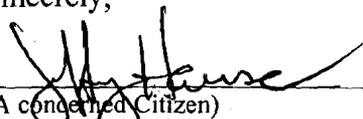
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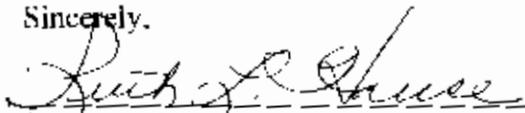
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Robert J. Klein
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E. AMHERST, NY 14051

Washington

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(address)

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Please keep the base open that people will have security in their lives here & now.

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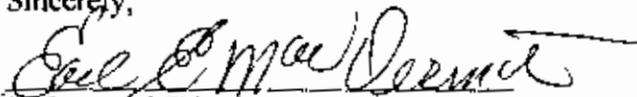
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Lewiston NY

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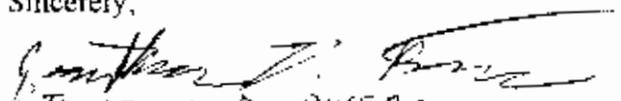
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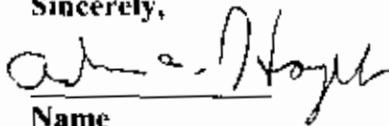
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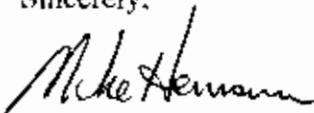
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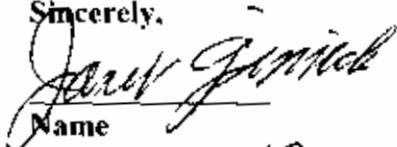
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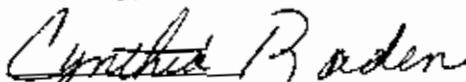
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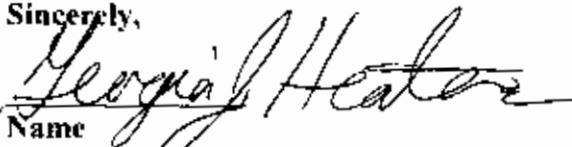
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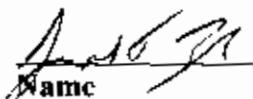
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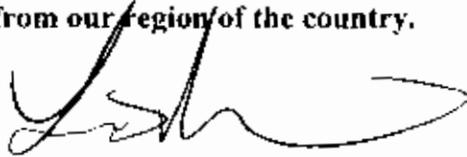
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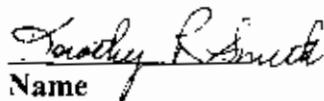
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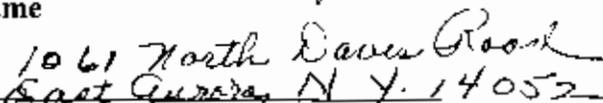
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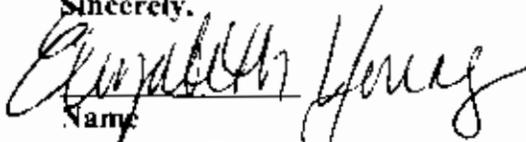
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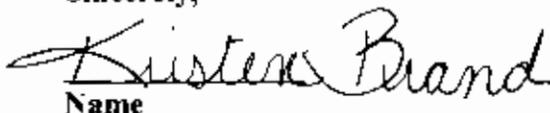
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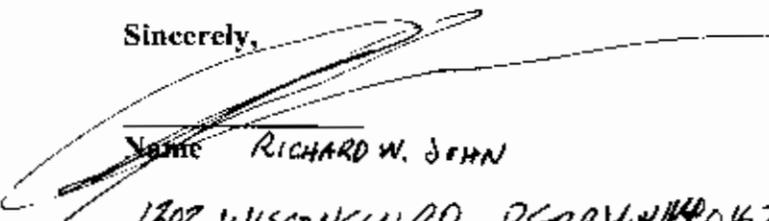
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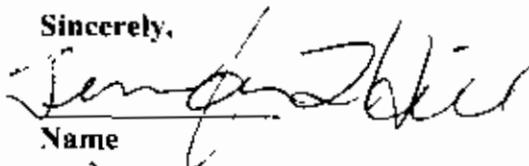
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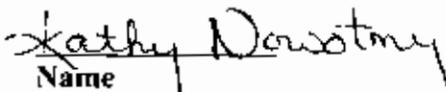
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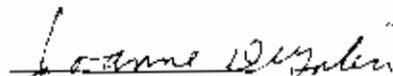
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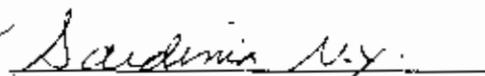
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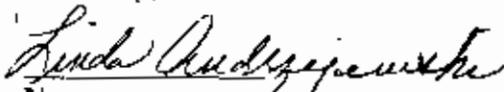
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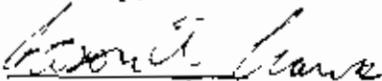
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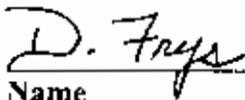
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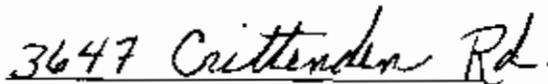
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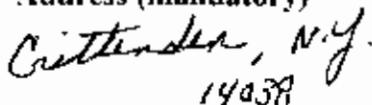
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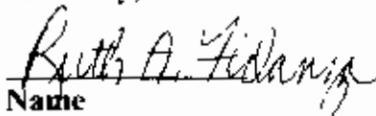
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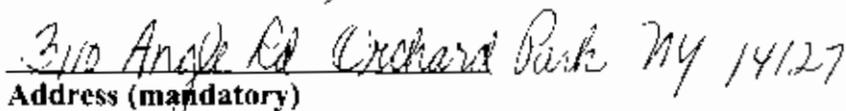
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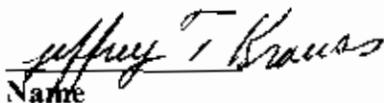
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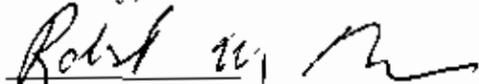
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Address (mandatory)

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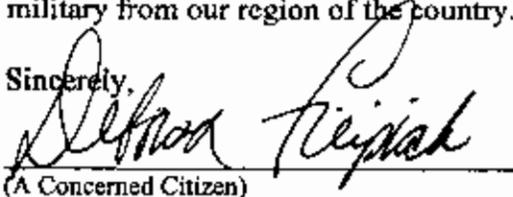
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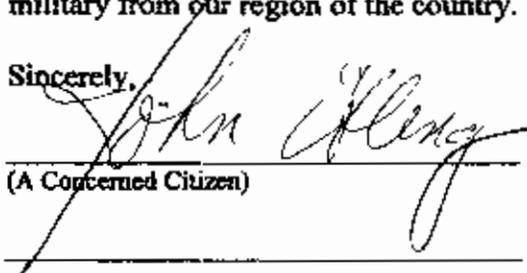
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 (address)
Niagara Falls, N.Y.
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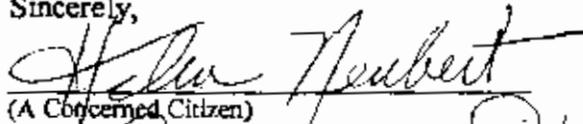
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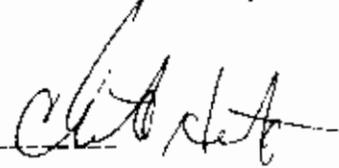
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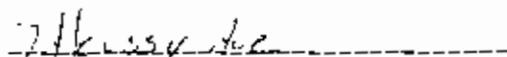
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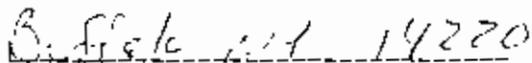
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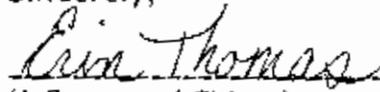
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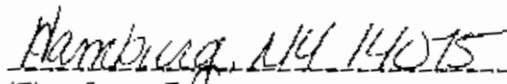
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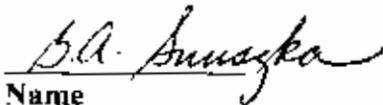
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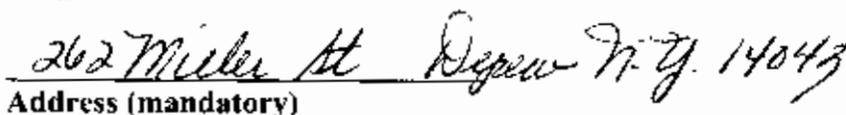
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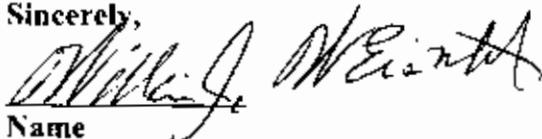
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 Name

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 Address (mandatory)
 Springville, NY 14141-9645

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(Signed) Thomas J. Blanchard

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Telephone: 446-2291 E-Mail tblanchard@mda-cny.com

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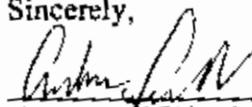
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(A concerned Citizen)

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(A Concerned Citizen)

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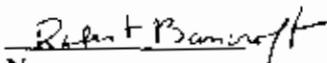
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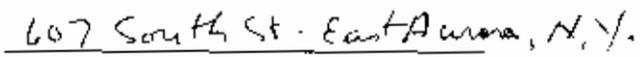
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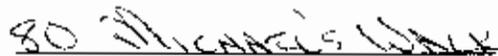
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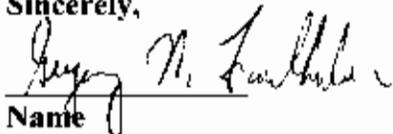
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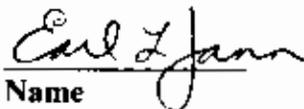
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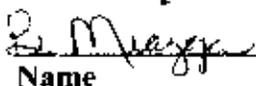
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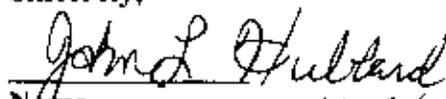
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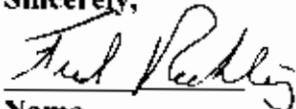
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Sister Dorothy M. Smith, M.S.J.

**St. Mary of the Angels
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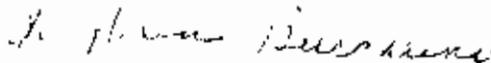
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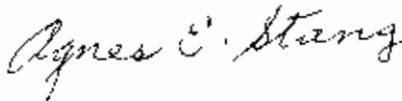
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All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

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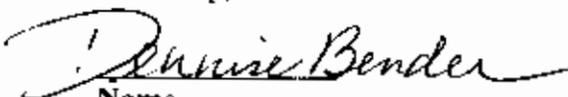
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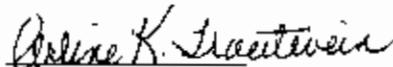
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I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,



Name

2361 Girdle Rd. Elmira, NY 14859

Address (mandatory)

BRAC Commission

JUL 13 2005

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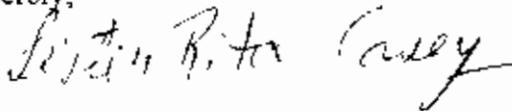
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Sincerely,



St. Mary of the Angels
P.O. Box 275
Williamsville, NY 14231-0275

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Blessings on all you do

Sincerely,

Ruth Wengler

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Sincerely,

Sister M. Bernice Jermanski, O.S.F.

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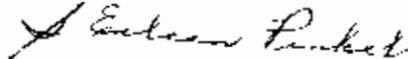
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Sincerely,

Mary A. Sullivan ? Patrick T. Sullivan
(A Concerned Citizen)
451 Aberdeen Rd Edmund Sullivan
Lewiston, NY 14092

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JUL 13 2005

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6/21/05

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Sincerely,

Charles Paganelli
(A concerned Citizen)

16 CHESTNUT HILL CT.
(Address)

WILLIAMSVILLE, NY 14221
(City, State, Zip)

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Sincerely,

Janet Martin
(A Concerned Citizen)

2163 JAGOW RD
(Address)

NIAGARA FALLS NY 14304
(City, State, Zip)

JUL 13 2005

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6/26/05

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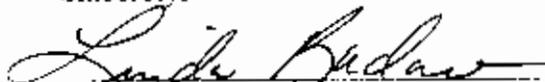
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Sincerely,


(A concerned Citizen)

10161 Mueller Court
Niagara Falls, NY
14304

JUL 13 2005

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6.12.05

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Cecil AnBois
(A concerned Citizen)

6780 Erick Rd.

N. Tonawanda, NY

14120

JUL 13 2005

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7/19/2005

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Low Morigio
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3344 Joshua Lane
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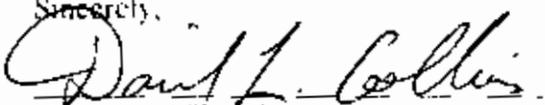
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(A concerned Citizen)

DAVID L. COLLINS

7154 WARD RD

N. TONAWANDA NY 14120

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Sincerely,

Dorey Hawkins
 (A concerned citizen)

6780 Erick road

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NY 14120

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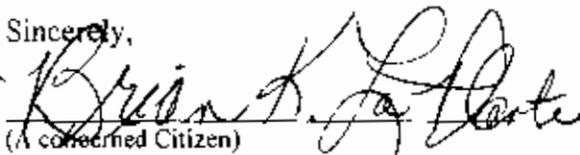
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17 Hamilton St.
N. Tonawanda, NY
14120

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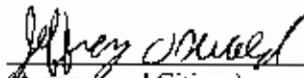
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Sincerely,

Lorna Mary

635 W Grace #1602

Chicago, IL 60613

PS/ I'm moving back to Buffalo NY. next month

June, 2005

JUL 13 2005

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Wm Hamilton
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5938 Kellen Rd
(Address)

W. Valley, NY 14304
(City, State, Zip)

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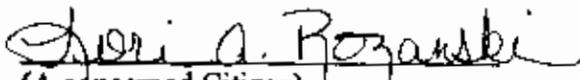
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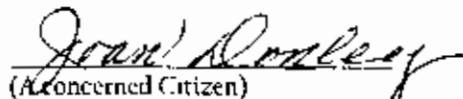
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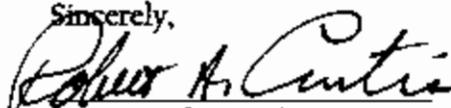
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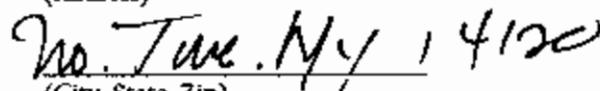
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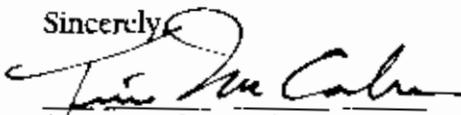
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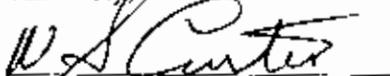
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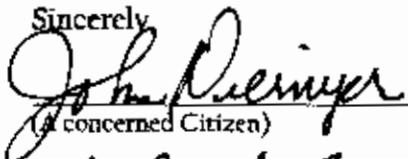
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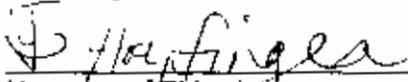
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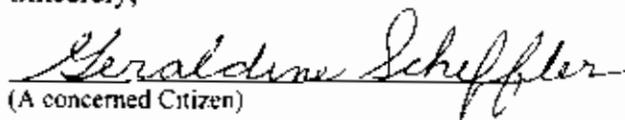
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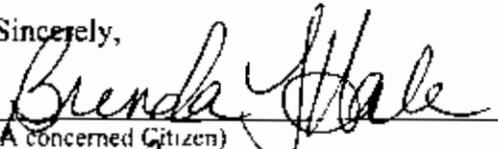
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(A concerned Citizen)

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Name

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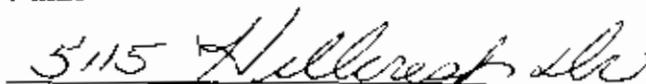
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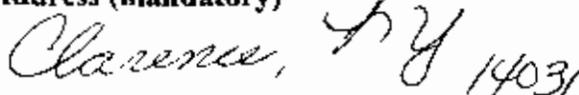
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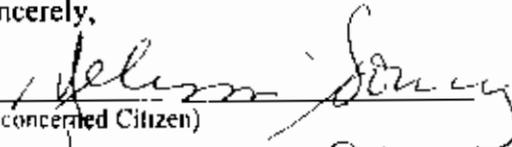
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(A concerned Citizen)

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Catsville NY
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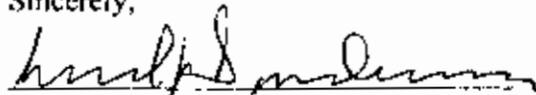
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KEW NY 14217

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Al Ray W. Wagner

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 Thank you
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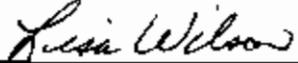
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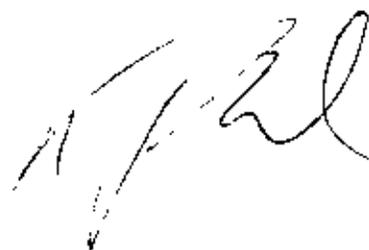
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Deborah E. Harris
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Gasport NY 14067

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Marilyn Lantz
1492 Rt Lyndonville Rd
Lyndonville, NY 14098-9650

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Steven M. Goldman
P O Box 32248
Columbus, Ohio 43232-0248

July 7, 2005

Chairperson
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: HSA-JCSG-D-05-326 (Headquarters and Support Activities)

**Paragraph IV. L "Collocate Defense/Military Department Adjudication Activities"
2780 Airport Drive, Columbus Ohio**

As a retired employee of the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), Columbus, Ohio, I offered my opinion to you on June 2, 2005 regarding the ill advised DoD recommendation that the Adjudication Activities of the Department be co-located at Ft. Meade, Maryland. The proposed relocation of the DOHA and the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO) from Columbus, Ohio to Ft. Meade, Maryland, does not make sense financially.

Recent articles in *The Baltimore Sun* (June 10, 2005) explained that the BRAC plan may result in 10,000 jobs going to Ft. Meade which will add to the well-known transportation congestion in the Baltimore - Washington corridor. State of Maryland officials have begun discussing a plan to extend the Washington, DC Metro to Ft. Meade. I would imagine that a lot of money is going to come from the Federal government to pay for the estimated one billion dollar capital costs (estimated at 100 million dollars per mile) of the Metro line.

I hope that you consider the commuter transportation capital costs which will have to be paid by the Federal Government to enable the new employees to be able to get to their jobs at Ft. Meade. To level the playing field, you should consider the ultimate cost of the new Metro Line and other Federal transportation costs to implement the BRAC proposal.

Processing and adjudicating security clearances can be done anywhere in the United States as a result of computers. Please consider keeping the DISCO and DOHA adjudication activities in Columbus, Ohio for the sake of strategic redundancy and reduced costs to the Federal government. If the fact that these two agencies are in "leased space" is problematic, they can move back behind the fence line at the Defense Supply Center Columbus, a Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) facility where they were located from 1965 to 2001 (about four miles away).

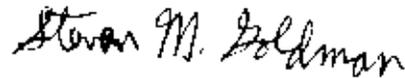
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I urge you to look closely at this matter.

Sincerely,



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Chairperson
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Re: HSA-JCSG-D-05-326 (Headquarters and Support Activities)

Paragraph IV. L "Collocate Defense/Military Department Adjudication Activities"

As a retired employee of the Defense Office of Hearings and Appeals (DOHA), Columbus, Ohio, I offer my opinion as to the DoD recommendation that the Adjudication Activities of the Department be co-located at Ft. Meade, Maryland. The proposed relocation of the DOHA and the Defense Industrial Security Clearance Office (DISCO) from Columbus, Ohio to Ft. Meade, Maryland, does not make sense.

The plan to collocate adjudication facilities falls outside the stereotype "base closure" scenario. The plan is actually a policy change which should be staffed among the Military Departments and Defense Agencies rather than directed through the BRAC process. Since the Department recommended the collocation, you'll have to decide as to whether the new policy is wise.

Overall, there is no need to collate the adjudication facilities. All of the DoD adjudication facilities now share the same data base which is accessible by customers around the world. The adjudication process is no longer dependent on being in the same building or on the same installation.

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If, after a detailed analysis you find that one or more of the adjudication facilities should be moved to Ft. Meade, Maryland, I recommend that you **do not** include collocating the DOHA Columbus and DISCO adjudication activities. Their Columbus location is excellent to provide the dispersion and redundancy needed in case the Ft. Meade location becomes untenable. If the fact that these two agencies are in "leased space" is problematic, they can move back behind the fence line at the Defense Supply Center Columbus, a Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) facility where they were located from 1965 to 2001 (about four miles away).

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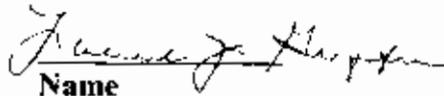
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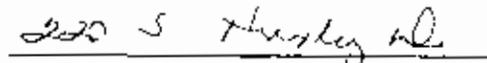
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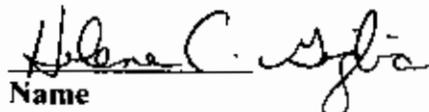
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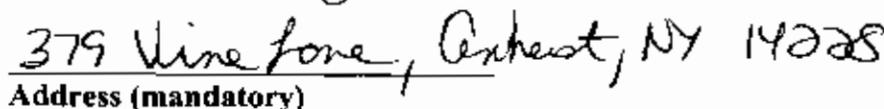
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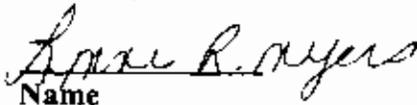
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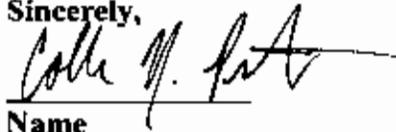
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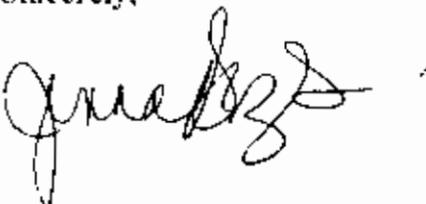
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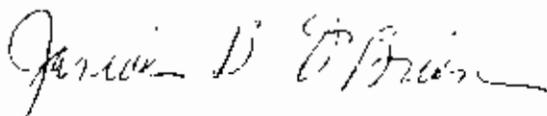
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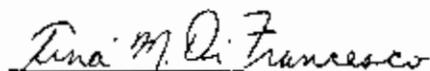
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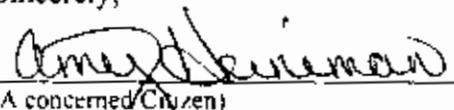
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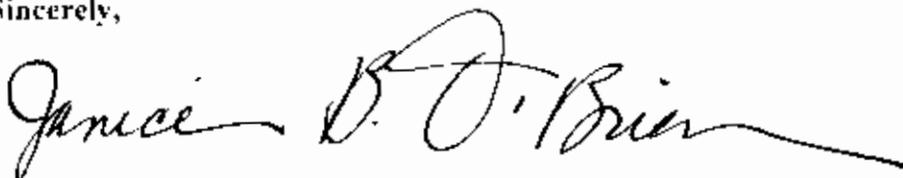
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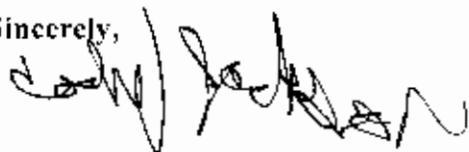
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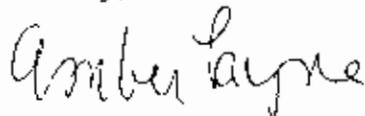
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08 July 2005

BRAC Commission

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Very Respectfully,

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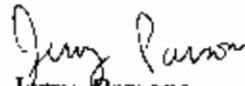
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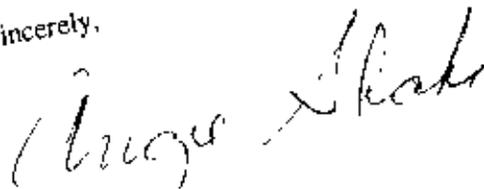
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Waukegan, IL

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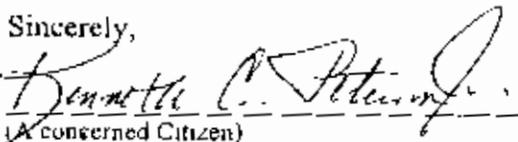
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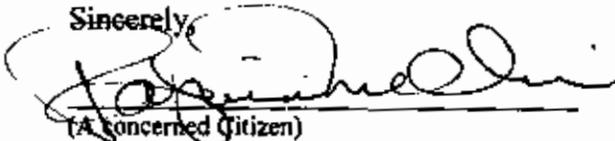
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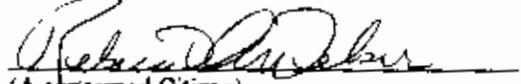
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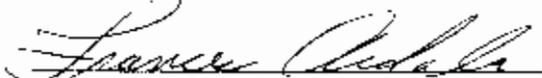
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Sincerely,

Frederick H. Marshall
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14305

MY BROTHER IN LAW IS EMPLOYED
 FULL TIME AT THE AIR BASE

BRAC Commission

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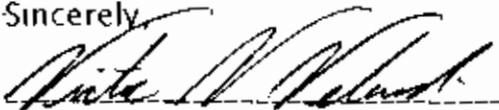
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(A Concerned Citizen)

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BUFFALO NY 14216

(City, State, Zip)

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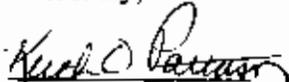
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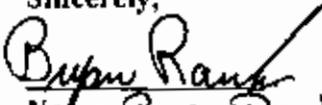
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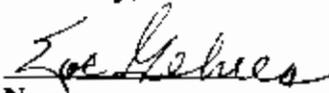
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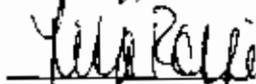
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I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

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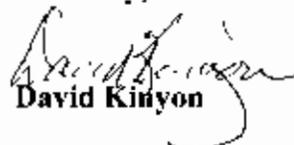
I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse its decision and to recommend that the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base continue to operate as part of our nation's armed forces strategy. Since the BRAC Commission's recommendation was made public, serious questions have been raised about the bases for the commission's; in addition, there appears to be justification for consideration for expansion of operations at the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base.

Consolidation of Air Guard and Air Reserve bases is needed; however, it is not economical to relocate these facilities to more costly sites. The Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base merits to be reclassified as an active base for the following reasons:

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I urge the Commission to follow the protocol and criteria it has adopted to govern the consolidation and relocation of our country's national defense system and active and reserve bases. The correct decision for our country and for the community which so strongly supports the Air Force Reserve is to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

Sincerely,


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