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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

I am writing in support of Cleveland DFAS which derives excellent value for the United States Military, delivers excellent performance and employs excellent people.

These jobs are not only important to our city, but also to our military men and women, both those who serve our country today and those who have served in the past.

An independent review of the recommendations, as to consolidate DFAS into three sites and realign DFAS Cleveland, as presented in testimony at the Buffalo, New York Base Realignment and Closure Commission (BRAC) hearings, revealed that the recommendation was arbitrary and unsubstantiated.

This review of information released by the Department of Defense (DoD) revealed some substantial deviations from BRAC principles. The DoD focused almost exclusively on physical facility issues, not on the people, functions nor services provided by DFAS employees.

DoD also used an incorrect Military Value Calculation; used inconsistent application of measurements and attributes; failed to consider people, performance and quality of services; demonstrated the irony of the Federal Government overcharging Cleveland DFAS compared to other locations and failed to fully account for costs associated with their recommendations.

I strongly believe that when the BRAC takes these points into consideration a convincing case will be made to reverse the DoD recommendation and keep Cleveland DFAS.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit this assessment for your consideration.

Sincerely,

