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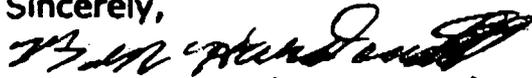
Dear Chairman Principi:

Needless to say, yesterday was a very happy day here in Fort Smith, AR - due to the news of the new mission for the 188th Fighter Wing. Worry and concern on the part of the guard members have been replaced by rejoicing and thanksgiving.

We stayed "glued" to the BRAC hearings and the final 3 days deliberations this week. We had thought that, of late, common sense was missing from many things. Our faith has been restored - the common sense deliberations and decisions made were very evident to the viewing public.

Please convey to all the BRAC commissioners our special thanks for a difficult assignment conducted and completed before the cameras of the entire country. We appreciate your dedication to this project.

Sincerely,



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