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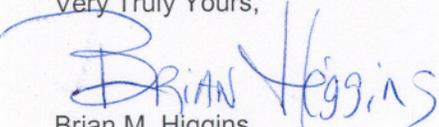
The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street Suite 600  
Alexandria, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

My constituent, Michael Rosing contacted my Jamestown office to express his extreme opposition to the Niagara base closing. As with many Western New Yorkers Mr. Rosing feels that this closing would be very detrimental to this area.

Enclosed please find the letter that my office received. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,

  
Brian M. Higgins  
Member of Congress

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Dear Congressman Higgins;  
The closing of Niagara Falls Airbase will also have an effect on retired active and reserve personnel. We depend on the Niagara Falls base to renew our military I.D. cards which we need for Tri Care for life benefits and other programs that retired military personnel and thier families are entitled to.

As far as I know, the Niagara Falls base is the closest facility to my home here in Chautauqua County that my wife and I can go to to renew our I.D. cards. The closing of the base will not only be an economic disaster for the area, but it will also adversley effect retired military personnel that have also served their country.

I have also read todays Buffalo News and the article in which it shows how high the Niagara Falls base is ranked over other bases that will get the planes from Niagara Falls if the base is closed. This is not defence or homeland security, it is Bush and Rumsfeld politics. Keep up the good work.

Yours Truly

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