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August 18, 2005

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

Dear Chairman Principi,

I am writing to you regarding your upcoming decision dealing with the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

I have taken the liberty of compiling 18 resolutions in support of the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station for your review. These resolutions reflect the continued support throughout the community to save this regional asset.

The 914<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing at Niagara is currently being re-mobilized for its 3<sup>rd</sup> tour in Iraq. The 914<sup>th</sup> is the first Air Reserve unit to return to Iraq for the third time, which underscores its military value.

I think this speaks volumes about the character of the citizen soldiers of Western New York who depart for duty in Iraq without hesitation or complaint, all this while awaiting word on the future of their home and their jobs at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

The Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station and military units in Western New York play a critical role in the economic health of Western New York. With its work force and annual payroll, plus the significant numbers of local contractors that perform services at the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station, the overall economic impact of the base is vital.

Please let me know if there's any more information I can provide you with or any further help I can give during this important process. I appreciate your efforts on behalf of our Armed Forces and our nation; and I have no doubt you will reach a decision that benefits both the military and the American people.

Sincerely,



THOMAS M. REYNOLDS  
United States Representative