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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi,

I respectfully request that you reserve time to receive testimony from Guam officials at an appropriate Defense Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission regional hearing or at a Commission hearing in Washington. Since there are no scheduled field hearings in Guam, reserving time for testimony from Guam officials at a hearing would ensure the Commission is apprised of views affecting Guam as result of the Secretary of Defense's BRAC recommendations.

In previous rounds of BRAC, I understand that the Commission has permitted the testimony of officials from Guam at the most appropriate hearing. I also understand that, as Guam does not have representation in the United States Senate, the Commission has traditionally permitted the Delegate from Guam to the U.S. House of Representatives to determine who will be invited to testify on the island's behalf and the allocation of time among those witnesses. As there are several facilities in Guam that are impacted by the Secretary's BRAC 2005 recommendations, I respectfully request the continuation of previous tradition in organizing the testimony of Guam officials at a regional hearing.

With respect to witnesses from Guam, if given and adequate time allotment, I intend to invite the following individuals to present Guam's testimony with me: the Governor of Guam; representatives of the Guam Legislature; and representatives of the Guam Chamber of Commerce. I look forward to working with your staff to identify an appropriate hearing for Guam. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

  
MADELEINE Z. BORDALLO  
Member of Congress