

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

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May 24, 2005

Secretary Anthony Principi
Chairman, 2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Chairman,

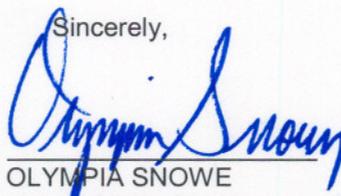
The integrity of the BRAC process, and of decisions on individual facilities, depends on the accuracy of the data used, and on the validity of the calculations and comparisons made using these data. Congress and the Commission simply cannot discharge their responsibilities under the BRAC statute without this information, which so far has not been made available. We believe, in particular, that communities will be handicapped in their efforts to understand the analyses, assumptions and conclusions used by the Department for their recommendations and therefore will be unable to provide accurate rebuttal arguments or additional information to the Commission for consideration.

Section 2903 (c)(5) of the Defense Base Closure And Realignment Act of 1990 (as amended through FY2005 Authorization Act) requires specified DoD personnel to certify to the best of their knowledge and belief that the information provided to the Secretary of Defense or the 2005 Commission concerning the realignment or closure of a military installation is accurate and complete. To date, we do not believe the information is complete and without full access to all information, we cannot assess whether the information is accurate.

We ask that the Commission refuse to consider any closure or realignment for which the Department of Defense, and by extension the service components, has not provided, in a timely manner, Congress and the Commission with all data, calculations, models, and analyses used to formulate the list of recommended closures and realignments published by the Department on May 13, 2005.

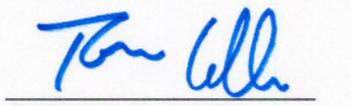
Sincerely,


JUDD GREGG
United States Senator

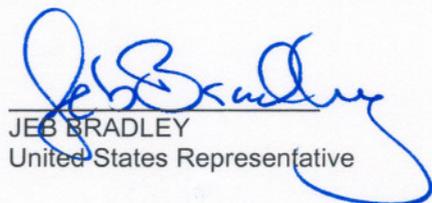

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