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BRAC Commission  
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BRAC Commission

Dear Commissioners:

JUL 28 2005

The Pentagon has recommended to the BRAC that the Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station in Niagara Falls, New York be closed. As Niagara County's second largest employer with over 3,000 full and part-time workers, this would deliver yet another devastating blow to our region's economy. In addition to the financial concerns, the community pride for our past and present military contributions can not be understated.

The base site lies within close proximity to four major border crossings between the U.S. and Canada, along with the New York State Power Authority's Hydropower Complex which supplies substantial power to the Northeast United States Power Grid. The size and location of the base would also allow it to be used for responses to natural disasters or terror attacks in the Northeast United States. While the base serves as a logistical backbone for the War on Terror, it is also strategically placed and fully expandable. It should be expanded rather than closed.

**According to the Niagara Military Affairs Council:**

- Closure of Niagara would reduce the Air Force presence in NY by 40%, and eliminate the *last* Federal Air Force flying mission in the State. Since 1995, Niagara has been modernized with \$35M in new facilities and lengthened runways which have improved the operational effectiveness of the wings.
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**According to the Buffalo News article on May 25, 2005:**

Top Air Force officials relied on their "collective judgment" in deciding to recommend their Niagara Falls base for closure, disregarding military value rankings that showed Niagara outperforming several other bases slated to remain open. Air Force spokesman Douglas Karas said the Air Force's "mission compatibility index" was just one of the factors considered in the base-closure decisions. Asked why at least nine bases with airlift missions were slated to stay open when they had lower "MCI" scores than Niagara, Karas said the Base Closure Executive Group sometimes deviated from its own rating system. "There were cases in the analysis process where lower ranked bases were retained," Karas said. "In those cases, the Base Closure Executive Group used their collective judgment, that, when combined with the MCI scores, resulted in the retention of lower-ranked installations. This was true in Niagara's case."

A lobbyist for New York State on the issue, John M. Simmons, said the Air Force's response proves that the base-closure recommendations followed "a judgmental, and not an analytical, process." The Pentagon was supposed to judge each base primarily on its military value - yet in this case the Air Force bypassed the tool it created for judging military value. "The Air Force in

their response acknowledge that they themselves ignored the results of a key analytical tool . . . created for the BRAC process," Simmons said. "They simply took the position that their judgment trumped the analysis."

Considering these facts and figures; I am writing to remind you, our elected representative, of your obligation to use all means necessary in order to persuade the BRAC to reconsider the recommendation to close the station. The fine men and women of the 914th Airlift Wing and the 107th Air Refueling Wing have been instrumental in securing the home front and fighting the war on terror overseas and these highly-decorated units have served their country and represented our State and local communities well.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this most important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristine Passinault". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Kristine Passinault

June, 2005

BRAC Commission

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

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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am so concerned by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision and remove them from the closure list.

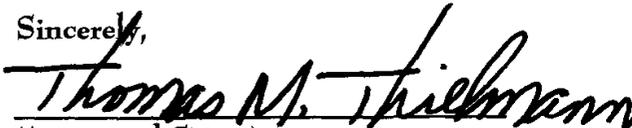
It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on the more costly Active Duty bases.

Please note that the media are conveying to us that we are facing significant challenges in recruiting during war time. As the only remaining major military installation in Western New York, Niagara Falls has been key to military recruitment.

The impact of this decision will be devastating to the New York Air National Guard and will make the Pentagon's efforts to recruit and retain military personnel even more difficult than it is now.

All New Yorkers stand with the Niagara Falls/Western New York community and are united in its support for this base, and its retention. Please, overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.

Sincerely,

  
(A concerned Citizen)

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June 24, 2005

Chairman Anthony Principi  
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

Recently, the Niagara County Department of Health received a request from the Niagara Falls Air and Guard Base that their public health officer receive training in all aspects of local public health through the Niagara County Department of Health to increase surge capacity for Homeland Security.

Since President Bush issued Presidential Decision Directive 8: National Preparedness (HSPD-8) on December 17, 2003, we have accelerated our local efforts in Niagara County to assess our risks, vulnerabilities and capacities to prepare and respond to large-scale emergencies and threats to the health and security of our local and regional communities. The airbase has been an integral planning partner in our local and regional efforts as we have incorporated the DHS prescribed capabilities-based planning process to build up our critical capacity for homeland security. Airbase partner representatives sit on these committees and more: Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), Health Emergency Alert and Response Team (HEART) and Medical Reserve Corp (MRC). Moreover, the Niagara Falls Air Base and Guard partners are written into our local, municipal, county, regional, public health and cross-border emergency plans.

As you know, inter-agency coordination is absolutely essential to build response capacities and to mitigate large-scale emergencies. A recent gap analysis of our county demonstrates the need for continued partnership with the Niagara Falls Air and Guard Base. The following illustrates how the air base contributes to strategic security and serves to augment readiness and critical response capacities:

- Aviation support for domestic and cross-border security incidents
- Secure land and air transport support for release and dissemination of federal pharmaceutical and medical assets
- Support for mass prophylaxis and vaccination
- Fire and HAZMAT support
- Emergency Medical and Public Health System support
- Technology and Communications infrastructure support
- Emergency Preparedness Training and exercises
- Disaster Recovery

- Ordnance coordination support
- Resource coordination and support
- Civil support
- Environmental agent detection
- Environmental Health and support
- Support for maintaining continuity of government operations
- **Focal point for any federal response staging**

Closure of the Niagara Falls Air and Guard Base would have a wide- ranging deleterious effect on the homeland security and economic stability of Niagara County and the surrounding region. To ensure public health safety of our citizenry, based on the threat status determined for Niagara County by the Department of Homeland Security, we implore you to reverse this decision.

Respectfully yours,



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Steven Lewis, D.V.M., President,  
Niagara County Board of Health



Paulette M. Kline RN Med, M.P.H.  
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Sincerely,

*Reffin Robinson*

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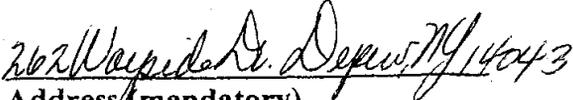
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**From:** (Susan Manera)  
**Date:** 07/08/05 08:26:51  
**To:** info@nimac.org  
**Subject:** Niagara Air Base Closing Protest

Below is the result of your feedback form. It was submitted by Susan Manera () on Friday, July 8, 2005 at 08:26:49

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address1: 6905 Witmer Road Apt 1

city: North Tonawanda

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comments:

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Also, how will the Department defend the region, or will the Guard respond to man-made or natural disasters, when they occur after these massive cuts?

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Sincerely,

Susan Manera

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July 11, 2005

Chairman Anthony Principi  
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Dear Chairman Principi:

It is difficult to imagine the airbase at Niagara Falls not being there.

I write this because of the role this facility has (and continues to have) vis-à-vis our country's military operations overseas.

Our current Secretary of Defense somehow believes a major power should have less active duty forces. He isn't alone in his thinking, albeit erroneous, that the nation's reserve forces can take up the responsibility shortfall of day-to-day soldiering. It is a wonder to me how well the "weekend warriors" have done.

A HUGE part of this taking-up-the-slack is frequent extended deployments and the impact that the time away from home has on the families and employers of our reservists.

Our local news outlets give steady coverage of the great job our reservists from the airbase do for all of us, not just here in Western New York.

As part of this coverage, one rarely hears complaints from either the families or those who employ these fine men and women.

I believe this "understanding" translates into a community that supports rather than undermines the mission. I also believe that the outstanding, historical flying operations from the base at Niagara Falls (in a variety of Aircraft) is a direct result of a support mentality that is a part of the folkways of this region.

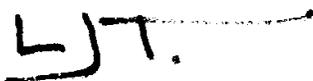
I am offering the premise that this predictable support has great value and is crucial to any successful military operation.

With a runway designed to accommodate any aircraft, a decorated unit located right on the Canadian Border, and the last fully maintained DOD "flying" real estate for hundreds

of miles, the airbase enjoys a degree of support and involvement that might just be worth maintaining.

Thank you for your consideration.

Most Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "LJT." with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Lance Jon Flustos

LJT/jsd

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Sincerely,

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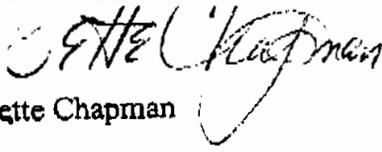
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My agency, Buffalo Military Entrance Processing Station is in the process of constructing a \$7 million new building on the Air Force Base. Where will we go if the Air Force Base closes?

Thank you for your time and consideration on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

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Bette Chapman

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Sincerely,

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BRAC Commission  
Washington DC.  
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Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

As a private citizen, I certainly do not have access to all of the information to make a judgement regarding the selection of military installations to be realigned or closed. Complete access to that information by my representatives in Congress will allow fair and independent analysis to correct any misconceptions and prevent a costly and unfortunate mistake. And as a citizen, taxpayer, voter, and patriot, I do deserve to have access to the information on which the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base is made.

You are being presented with a tremendous number of letters from all over the country, each community fighting for the jobs and vital regional economic impact a military installation represents. But the most significant factors in such a decision must be the responsiveness and effectiveness of the US Armed forces and the Reserve and National Guard units.

You must certainly recognize the outstanding service that has characterized the units stationed at the Niagara Falls base: the 107th Air Refueling Wing, the 914th Airlift Wing, and the 865th Combat Hospital. These people, our citizen soldiers, are local and National heroes. They are from here. Their families are here. They were recruited and reenlisted here. They have served with distinction and pride here - and abroad.

A decision to take planes, missions, and people away from Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases makes no sense at all.

In addition to the excellent points that the Niagara Military Affairs Council

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has shared with the local public and that have been included in many letters you will receive from the citizens of the Niagara USA region, the location of the Niagara Falls Air Base requires special consideration for several other reasons.

The base is located at the heart of a critical International border heavily laden with strategic infrastructure including several International bridges, critical US and Canadian power generation facilities, and many industrial facilities. It is also adjacent to the largest freshwater supply in all of the country. For these reasons, rather than closure, consideration should be given to increase the use of the facility as a base of Homeland Security operations. For example, why not add a fighter squadron? Why not even consider installation of a unit of unmanned drones for continuous surveillance of our critical international border?

Finally, considering the adaptability, flexibility, perserverence, and resourcefulness of our enemy, why in the world would decisions be made to concentrate operations and equipment and thereby increase the impact of a successful attack?

I urge the Commission to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the process of weakening our Nation's defense by weakening the Reserve and Guard component of our military forces.

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Sincerely,

*Dorothy Maturiski*

*Raymond Maturiski*

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I urge the Commission, in the strongest possible terms, to remove the Niagara Falls AFB from the Pentagon's recommended list of base closures and to stop the continuing retreat of the military from our region of the country.

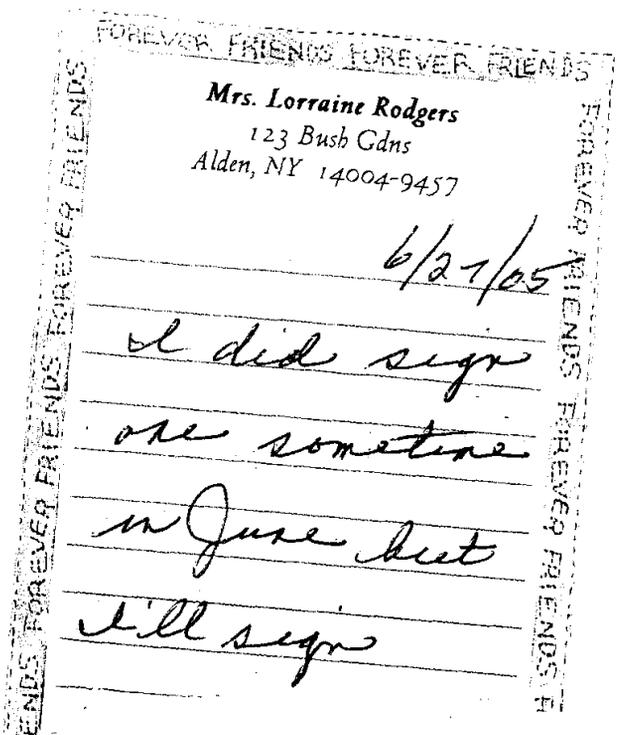
Sincerely,

*Mrs. Lorraine M. Rodgers*

Name

*123 Bush Gdns - Alden, N.Y. 14004*

Address (mandatory)



BRAC Commission

JUL 26 2005

Received

12 Parkdale Dr.  
Lancaster, NY  
June 27, 2005

Dear Senator Volker;

It is hard to believe that they are considering closing Niagara Falls Air Reserve Station.

I worked part time for National Auto Rental after I retired from the U. S. Postal Serv. They had a contract to provide auto's for the inspection team on two occasions. The total was 20 cars.

We drove the cars to the base on Thursday and parked them in a certain area for use by the inspectors.

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We drove the car to the National Auto Rental  
Lot on Seneca St on Tuesday.  
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There was only 1 Guard Post off Walmore Rd. The only restriction was 10 MPH speed limit.

Wagon Falls Air Reserve Station is a beautiful base. We enjoyed watching the air shows many years ago, and seeing all the planes on display.

It has been pointed out by many that it is a Strategic Base and this is Very True.

Sincerely

Raymond J. Maturski

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June 2005

JUL 26 2005

BRAC Commission  
 c/o NIMAC  
 P.O. Box 231  
 Niagara Falls, NY 14304-0231

Received

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commissioners:

I am deeply troubled by the Defense Department's recommendation to close the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base. This recommendation is a terrible mistake and I urge the BRAC Commission to reverse this decision and remove the Niagara Falls Base from the list.

It is hard to understand why the Air Force has decided to take planes, missions, and jobs away from so many Air Guard and Air Reserve bases and put them on more costly Active Duty bases. Of all the bases to pick to close, how do you close the base whose unit was able to help rescue Jessica Lynch in Iraq because they are the lead night vision C-130 unit in the Reserves? You must also recognize:

- 1 The federal government has invested more than \$35 million in Niagara Falls since 1995 in new facilities.
- 2 Base Operations Support costs have been reduced more than 33% (to include a 25% reduction in utilities) to make the base one of the most cost-efficient facilities in the Air Force Reserve Command.
- 3 Closure of the base eliminates the ability to recruit and retain New Yorkers in a region in which the units have both maintained in excess of 100% manning rates.
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Sincerely,

*Gordon Carder*

Name

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BRAC Commission  
June 23, 2005

JUL 26 2005  
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Dear Chairman Principi  
& BRAC Commissioners

The possibility of the closure  
of NFAB is very disturbing  
to me. It gives us  
security to our region.

The NF power plant  
would be a target for  
terrorists. This power  
plant affects all of the  
NE and of course NYC.  
It needs protection.

Please reconsider and  
take this base off the  
(over)

list for closure.

Yours truly,

Rosemary Cordier

944 Townline Rd.

Lancaster NY

14086