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BRAC Commission

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

Dear Chairman Principi,

I am writing to you to urge the BRAC to exclude the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology from the list of facilities scheduled for closure.

The A.F.I.P.'s roles in research, services to the military community, medical knowledge in general and service to hospital pathologists like myself are well known and respected.

My personal experience with their consultative services over 32 years of practice attests to their role in providing opinions affecting treatment and survival in patients with a variety of rare disorders or diagnostic problems in pathology.

I have always been impressed with their expertise and know that closing this valuable facility will be detrimental to advancing medical knowledge

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and treatment.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely yours,

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