

Dear Gen. Hill:

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

1. Working joint operations including all services except Coast Guard
2. Critical/strategic location near all NE Corridor major metropolitan and port areas.
3. Vital part of Homeland Defense and Security for the East Coast.
4. Huge economic impact to our local region.
5. Modern 8,000 ft. runway and modern digital Radar Air Control System - one of only four in the U.S. and available for Emergency Preparedness and operations
6. Strong community support

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Respectfully
 CWO William J. Freiler
 AOS (RET)
 4400 Walnut Ave.
 Phila Pa. 19135-2736

Please Sir:

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS TRB Willow Grove located in Hersham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include

- 1/ Working joint operations including all services except Coast Guard
- 2/ Critical/strategic location near all NE corridor major metropolitan and port areas
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- 6/ Strong Community Support

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Respectfully
CWO William G. Driller
AUS (RET)
4400 Unruh Ave.
Phila. Pa. 19135-2736

Dear Bob Turner

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining **RECEIVED** Military Installation
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NAS JRB Willow Grove located in
Horsham, PA. This installation is
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thank you for conveying this strong
message.

Respectfully
CWO William G. Speiser
AVS (RET)
4400 Turck Ave.
Phila. PA. 19135-2736

Dear Camp Johnson

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Change, give to emergency maintenance

maintaining the military installation
NAS TRB William H. P. Center in
Northham, PA. Also installation in the
middle of port and from facilities other
strength include:

1. Working print operations including all services except East Coast
2. Critical/Strategic Position near air NE Center major metropolitan and port areas
3. Vital part of Homeland Defense and Security for the East Coast
4. High economic impact & on base reason

5. Mission 5,000 sq. ft. primary and medium weight radar in Central Region - one of only four in the U.S. and available for emergency procedures and operations

6. Strong community support

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Respectfully

Colo Williams, Director

AOS (RET)

4400 Tenth Ave

Pike, PA. 19135-2736

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Dear Gen. Nease,

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Norsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

- 1/ Working joint operations including all services except Coast Guard.
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- 6/ Strong community support

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Respectfully
CWO William J. Freese
AUS (RET)
4400 Arush Ave.
Phila PA. 19135-2736

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Dear BRAC Commission:

We urge ^{you} to convey our interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

- Working Joint operations including all services except Coast Guard
- Critical/Strategic location near all Northeast Corridor major metropolitan + port areas
- Vital part of Homeland Defense + Security for the East Coast
- Huge economic impact to our local region

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- Modern, 8000 ft runway & modern digital Radar Air Control System
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- Strong community support.

We appreciate your representation & thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,
Walter + Susan Ricci

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June 27, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Willow Grove Air Station

Dear Sir:

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRF Willow Grove, located in Horsham PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

- Working Joint operations including all services except Coast Guard;
- Critical/strategic location near all Northeast Corridor major metropolitan and port areas;
- Vital part of Homeland Defense and Security for the East Coast;
- Huge economic impact to our local region;
- Modern, 8,000 ft. runway and modern Digital Radar Air Control System – one of only four in the U.S. and available for Emergency preparedness and operations;
- Strong community support.

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,



Joe and Paulette Ramsey
116 Norristown Rd.
Warminster, PA 18974



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June 27, 2005

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BRAC Commision
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I would like to convey in this letter my interest in maintaing the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham Pa. I am a widow of three years and employed at the base as a DOD employee. I am a life long resident of Bucks County , a taxpayer and a woman with a voice. I hope you will take the time to read my outcry to save our base from closing.

This installation is the model of joint operations use base facilities whose strengths and the human impact on the closing of the base:

1. Working Joint operations~including all services except Coast Guard.
2. Critical/strategic location near all Northeast Corridor major metropolitan and ports areas
3. Vital part of Homeland Defense & Security for the East Coast the emotional security to myself and my family friends and neighbors.
4. Huge economic impact to be felt by our local region and businesses. Ten thousand people as myself will loose their job and will have to relocate, leaving friends and family behind.
5. Willow Grove NAS has a modern 8,000 ft. runway, which President Bush landed four times on in 2004, during his campain. The base's security and hospitality was impeccable to hosting him there, rather in Philadelphia.
6. A modern Digital Radar Air Control System was installed~only one of four in the USA, available for Emergency Preparedness and operations.
7. This base has strong community support from both young, old and retired military families. In March 2005 a 53 million dollar new Navy Lodge was opened to serve both military reservists active military and their families.
8. Both a commissary and new state of the art gym , renovation of the Navy Exchange are now put on hold, these facilities are vital to the base. No room to expand was one consideration for closure. I don't see it, I see only the base growing to better serve the ones who serve us.

I would appreciate your undivided attention to the reconsideration, of the closing our the installation at NAS JRB Willow Grove in Horsham, PA.

Sincerely, *Linda Heppner*

Linda Heppner 205 Loch Alsh Drive Chalfont, Pa. 18914



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1262 Limekiln Pike
Ambler, Pa. 19002

June 27, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
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Gentlemen:

I am a resident of Horsham Township and my family has owned a farm in Horsham since 1920. I have an interest in what will happen if the Willow Grove Naval Air Station is closed. It will affect my business and my land value. But, most importantly I am concerned about what it will do to our homeland security. I have always felt safe knowing that protection of my community and many heavily populated communities surrounding the base rested in the hands of the Naval Air Station.

I am also concerned with the military families affected by the possible closing. My son-in-law is in the Air Force and has served twice in Afghanistan. He is currently stationed at Pope Air Force Base in North Carolina. I know first hand what it is like to have all the military families left behind. Many reservists have been sent to serve in Iraq from Willow Grove Naval Air Station. What kind of message does that send if we expect them to put their lives on the line for us, but their home bases will be gone?

Our base is one of the few that serves four of the five armed forces. As we are all still just getting over the horrible tragedy of Sept. 11, it is important that all our military men and women unite and work together. Where better to do this than on a joint base? It just doesn't seem the best idea to close a Naval Air Station when we are quite literally a short A10 flight from the scene of the worst terrorist attack in history. We need to protect our most populated areas along the East Coast and the Willow Grove Naval Air Station seems to answer that call. Please SAVE OUR BASE.

Sincerely,

KOHLER FARMS

Patricia K. Kohler



1794 Patricia Avenue
Willow Grove, Pa. 19090

June 8, 2005 06152005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Gentlemen:

I am a resident of Upper Dublin Twp. My wife and I have lived here since 1957. We raised two children who are married and still live in this community.

We are very saddened to hear that the Willow Grove Naval Air Station is targeted for closure. They are good and welcome neighbors. We have felt extremely fortunate to have the excellent military force in our community. We have felt very secure in the fact that this wonderful facility that serves all branches of the Armed Forces, except the Coast Guard, is protecting this part of the country.

We consider ourselves very patriotic people. I served in the Navy during World War II and am a Disabled American Veteran. I was proud to serve my country as many of our men and women are proud to serve as they leave from Willow Grove Naval Air Station.

I would appreciate anything you can do to SAVE OUR BASE. Our community has grown quite a bit in the passed 20 years but we are a community that welcomes our Armed Forces with welcome arms.

Please keep our base opened.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theodore P. Kotwa".

Theodore P. Kotwa

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July 11, 2005

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I am writing in concern for the recommendation of the closing of Willow Grove NAS JRB. Willow Grove JRB is very important to the economy of the communities around it. Not only would many people full and part-time lose their jobs at the base but local businesses will suffer as well. There is very strong community support for this base. This was shown during the "Save the Base" rally held on July 6. There were about a thousand members of the area there to support the base. Also give in mind it was held on a work day in the middle of the day. There were also very high temperatures for that day. This just goes to show how this community really feels about this base.

Not only is the base important to the local community, it's vital to the safety of our nation. Willow Grove JRB is strategically located near many major metropolitan areas. Philadelphia, New York City, Baltimore and Washington D.C are some of the major cities which the base is located near. It is also very close to the Eastern Coast of the United States. This location provides an important part of Homeland defense for our nation. Not only is the location important, but the modern 8,000 ft. runway provides lots of opportunity as well. There is also room for the runway to expand if necessary. Willow Grove also has a modern Digital Radar Air Control System. This is one of only four which are in the U.S.

Willow Grove is a joint facility which houses members of every service except the Coast Guard. This is what the people of the country have been told how we would like our bases to be. If this is what the Defense Department hopes to accomplish with our military, why are we taking away an already joint facility which is a perfect example of how the bases should be?

I appreciate you taking time from your day to read my letter. Your representation on the matter is very well appreciated. Thank You.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kevin D. Bliem". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kevin" being the most prominent part.

Kevin D. Bliem

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JAMES E. DRYLIE

P. O. BOX 88
DOYLESTOWN, PA. 18901
215-345-7585



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BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., #600
Arlington, VA 22202

July 6, 2005

To Whom It May Concern:

We **urge** you to convey our interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, Pennsylvania. This installation is the model of joint-use base facilities whose strengths include:

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- ▶ strong community support

We appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

James E. Drylie
James & Gloria Drylie

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FRED J. SILVERMAN
Attorney at Law

(215) 657-1234

117 Park Avenue
P.O. Box 496
Willow Grove, PA 19090

Fax (215) 657-1237

June 9, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: NAS JRB WILLOW GROVE, HORSHAM, PA

Dear Sir/Madam:

As a long time resident of Horsham and Willow Grove, Pennsylvania, I urge you to maintain the military installation NAS JRB located in Horsham, Pennsylvania. This military facility operates for all services except the Coast Guard, is strategically located, is a vital part of homeland defense and security, contains a modern 8,000 foot runway with an advanced air control system and enjoys strong community support.

I will appreciate your efforts to maintain the NAS JRB military installation in my community.

Very truly yours,


FRED J. SILVERMAN

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cc: Representative Sue Cornell
Senator Arlen Specter
Senator Rick Santorum
Representative Allyson Schwartz
Representative Michael Fitzpatrick

June 10, 2005

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner (USAF, Ret)
Base Realignment And Closure Commission

Dear General Turner:

As a disabled former Marine who is still serving our nation as a unpaid volunteer (U.S. Navy-Marine Corps Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS)), I would like to respectfully urge that you do everything in your power to keep the NAS JRB Willow Grove open. I have assets on this Naval installation vital to the Navy-Marine Corps MARS Primary Mission of Emergency Communications (Ecom) Support to the Department Of Defense and to Civil Authorities.

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Sincerely,



William J. Freiler
3 Third St.
Hatfield, PA 19440-4006

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July 6, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS-JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use bases facilities whose strength includes:

- * Working joint operations including all services except Coast Guard
- * CRITICAL/STRATEGIC location near all Northeast Corridor major metropolitan and port areas
 - + 20 minute flight from Andrew's AFB, MD
 - + 40 minute flight from Naval Air Station Oceana, VA
 - + 25 minute flight from New York, New York
- * Huge economic impact to our local region
- * Modern, 8000 ft. runway and modern Digital Radar Air Control System- one of only four the U.S. and available for Emergency Preparedness and operations.
 - + Air Force One lands at Willow Grove NAS-JRB with our President
- * Strong community support

I know this base is important because the activity there after 911 was incredible as my home is in the flight path of Willow Grove NAS. I always think of the "noise" as the Sounds of Freedom. We can not become complacent in closing this base as our "War on Terror" is still ongoing.

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

Denise Krol

Denise Krol

633 Pickering Road

Southampton, PA 18966-4146

Denise_krol@yahoo.com

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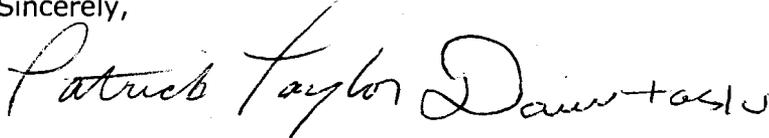
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Sincerely,



Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Taylor
3370 Fordham Road
Philadelphia, PA 19114
215-677-9379

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Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

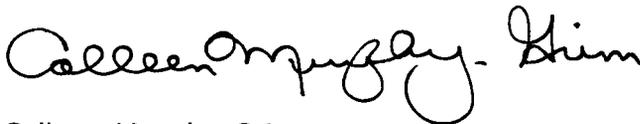
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As a manager of two hotels in the Horsham area, I have worked closely with base personnel to provide affordable lodging accommodations to dedicated reservists and active military personnel. I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,



Colleen Murphy-Grim
Extended Stay Hotels
Horsham/ Willow Grove
537 Dresher Road
Horsham, PA 19044

12 Lawnton Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090

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June 2, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commission,

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths includes

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I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,



Katharine Brett

cc: U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
U.S. Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick, PA-8
The White House

12 Lawnton Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090

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June 2, 2005

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Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,



Gene Brett

cc: U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
U.S. Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick, PA-8
The White House

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377 Spring Meadow Circle
New Hope, PA 18938-1571
June 2, 2005

BRAC Commission

2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I urge you to convey my interest and that of my neighbors, in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William J. Bryson

Mary T. Bryson

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June 2, 2005

BRAC COMMISSION
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I urge you to convey my interest in "keeping the Base Open" at NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

- Working Joint operations including all services except Coast Guard.
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- Strong community support.

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

PLEASE KEEP OUR PLANES FLYING!!!

Most Sincerely,

Karen L. Cline

Karen L. Cline
235 Garden Avenue
Horsham, PA 19044

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128 Wyndham Woods Way
Hatfield, PA 19440
June 3, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I am writing you to strongly urge that the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, Pennsylvania, remain open. This facility has served our country for many years and includes working joint operations of all services except Coast Guard.

This base is vitally important for the protection of the East Coast. Its strategic location near all Northeast Corridor major cities and port areas is an integral part of Homeland Defense and Security.

This base must remain open.

Sincerely,


Robert Burnley

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May 27, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

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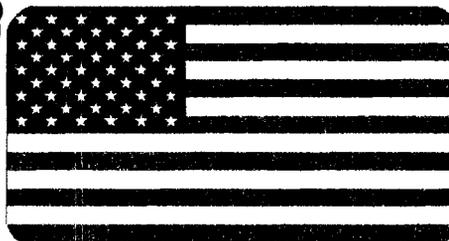
Ben James J.M. Laughlin
LT. CHC, USNR - '82-'86

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Harvey C. Texter

318 N. 10th Street
Reading PA 19604

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May 31, 2005

BRAC Commission

2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commission:

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation N. B. Willow Grove, located in Horsham PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

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I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

Harvey C. Texter



Utility Pole Technologies, Inc.

708 Blair Mill Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090; Telephone: 215-784-4248; Fax: 784-4254



June 3, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Ste. 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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~ ~ ~ To name a few very important strong points to keep our base active. I live in Horsham, PA and the shape our world is in today and always having to worry about terrorists these days, I feel much safer knowing our base is close by with our wonderful soldiers watching out for all of us.

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message

Sincerely,

Patty Permar
Utility Pole Technologies, Inc.
215-784-4248 (Work)
215-784-4254 (Fax)
ppermar@asplundh.com

Safety First... "No One Gets Hurt"

Cc: President Bush
Vice President Cheney
U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz, PA-13
U.S. Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick, PA-8

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12 Lawnton Road
Willow Grove, PA 19090

June 2, 2005

BRAC Commission
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Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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June 2, 2005

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BRAC Commission

2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600

Arlington, VA 22202

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June 1, 2005

Dear BRAC Commissioner:

I am writing to you as a local business owner of over thirty-three years whom employs many people in our community.

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

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Please do not close this base; our community needs it not only for our economy but for our morale as well. This past weekend the base hosted an air show, not only was it immensely enjoyed by the community but I cannot tell you how many young Americans walked away from that show **gleaming proud** of our country and how many young Americans I heard say, "I want to be a fighter pilot!" or "I want to join the Air Force!" or "I want to join the Navy!". It was great to hear them be this excited about something and want to emulate our true heroes rather than the usual 'Star Wars' characters or sports players.

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,



Maria T. Nappi

34 Cornerstone Ct

Doylestown, PA 18901

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Write or e-mail the BRAC Commission, The White House and your elected officials, urging them to consider the impact, reverse this recommendation and keep the Willow Grove Air Station alive and growing. Urge your friends and colleagues to write. The purpose of this is to influence independent BRAC Commissioners who are beginning the next step of the process, studying the Secretary of Defense's recommendations and making their own independent judgment as to what facilities should be on the list for closure. See the sample letter below which you can use as the basis for your own letter or e-mail.

The regional BRAC hearing is in Baltimore July 8. The BRAC Commissioners will visit this area soon to examine the base first hand and to hear public testimony at which time we hope you will join the RMAC along with our area's Federal and State lawmakers to save the NAS JRB Willow Grove.

For more information, please call the Suburban Chamber at 215-657-2227.

*Do Not Close Our Base
Horsham Will Be a Ghost Town*

Dear *Brac*

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I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

Jesse E. Hill

Jesse E. Hill
 64 Roving Rd.
 Levittown, PA 19056-2320

**HOWARD S. ZIPIN
JILL C. ZIPIN**

**706 PRESIDENTIAL DRIVE
HORSHAM, PA 19044-1110**

(215) 643-0850
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June 3, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600
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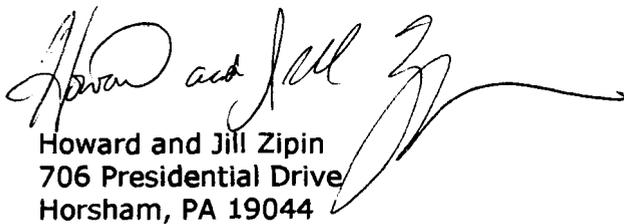
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Sincerely,


Howard and Jill Zipin
706 Presidential Drive
Horsham, PA 19044

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411 Bensal Road
Hatboro, PA 19040

June 2, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Gentlemen:

I urge you to consider my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, Pennsylvania.

Others will list for you all of the military attributes of the facility - of which, I am sure you are well aware. My plea, however, is of a more personal sense of loss if the base is closed. This sense of loss will not be mine alone, but that of hundreds of residents of the area who live in its vicinity.

I have lived in Upper Moreland Township since 1947 and grew up within a mile of the base directly under the final landing pattern of the planes. It was a comfort during the Korean and Vietnam wars to hear that sound of security so close to home. I now live about 5 miles away and, throughout Desert Storm and the war in Iraq, have continued to feel protected with that "sound of freedom" in my back yard.

On an even more personal level, my late husband and my brother spent 8 years in the Naval Reserves at Willow Grove in the early 1950's. My father-in-law retired as a Chief Petty Officer from Willow Grove after having served in both World Wars and Korea. My sister-in-law's husband, a 20-year U.S. Navy career man, was stationed in Willow Grove after his return from the Korean war and retired from the Base. My brother-in-law was stationed at Willow Grove after his return from the war in Vietnam. Willow Grove Naval Air Reserve Station has been an integral part of my family's and many other families' lives since it opened. If not for its close proximity, one wonders if the Navy would have enticed as many from the area as it did.

NAS JRB Willow Grove has been defending us with its submarine surveillance during the Cold War right up to its airlift and airdrop missions during the current conflict. Our reservists are regularly deployed from and returned home to Willow Grove. The Base has served its Country well. I ask you to reconsider its closure.

Sincerely,



Bernice (Mrs. Robert) Eichman

cc: U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
U.S. Rep. Allyson Schwartz, PA-13
U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
U.S. Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick, PA-8

June 3, 2005

Dear BRAC Commissioners:

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Please keep the Willow Grove, PA NAS JRB base open. It is located in Horsham, PA and serves as a joint base to all armed services except the Coast Guard. It is a vital part of homeland defense to the east coast and has a huge economic impact to our local region. It has a modern, 8000 ft. runway and modern Digital Radar Air Control System (only 1 of four) in the U.S. and available for emergency and preparedness and operations. We strongly support the base as well and it would be a shame to see it closed. Thank you for your consideration.

^{Ed}
The Yates Family.
Warrington, PA



June 3, 2005

Dear BRAC Commission:

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

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I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Regards,

The Bliem Family
406 Inman Terrace
Willow Grove, PA. 19090

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106 Champagne Circle
Norristown, PA 19403

June 1, 2005

The BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing this letter urging you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is a model of joint use base facilities, with strengths outlined as follows:

- Current joint tenants at Willow Grove include the United States Naval Reserve, the United States Marine Corps Reserve, the United States Air Force Reserve, the United States Army Reserve and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard.
- The location is critical to the Northeast Corridor, major metropolitan areas and port areas. Located on a major road network transportation hub, specifically Interstate I-95 and I-76, the base provides short flying times to Philadelphia, New York City, Baltimore and Washington, DC. It is also already experienced in Homeland Security missions. The base is both secure and readily accessible.
- Willow Grove is modernized with an 8,000 foot runway and extensive Maintenance/Ramp facilities. In addition, the base has All-Weather capability, excess hanger capacity and is only one of four bases in the United States with Digital Air Control Systems.
- Willow Grove receives strong community support and its closure would mean the regional economy would lose over 10,000 jobs and over \$375,000,000 in economic activity.

I believe the future of Willow Grove Naval Air Station Joint Reserve Base (NAS JRB) is unnecessarily threatened. Yes, the Cold War is over, but we are still engaged in numerous military conflicts around the globe, including in Afghanistan and Iraq, while simultaneously fighting a war on global terrorism. Let's not forget what happened on September 11. While we are consolidating our military to what I believe are dangerously low levels, other countries are ramping up. Now is certainly not the time to rest on our laurels!

I appreciate your representation and thank you in advance for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,



Andrew P. Assenmacher

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June 3, 2005

BRAC Commission,

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Strong community support !!!

We appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message

Sincerely,

Joel and Carolyn Barrish

Joel and Carolyn Barrish
741 Jarrett Road
Horsham, Pa 19044

36 Heatherwood Circle
Telford, PA 18969



June 2, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commission,

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I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jennifer Engle". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid.

Jennifer Engle

cc: U.S. Senator Arlen Specter
U.S. Senator Rick Santorum
U.S. Rep. Michael Fitzpatrick, PA-8
The White House

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David & Lori Crittenden
Fair Oaks Apartments #A206
228 Easton Road
Horsham, Pennsylvania 19044

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June 6, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am writing to convey my interest in allowing the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA, to remain open and fully functioning as it is currently. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

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Please allow the NAS JRB Willow Grove to remain open, please.

Sincerely,

David & Lori Crittenden

Mr. and Mrs. David Crittenden

cc: Senator Arlen Specter
Representative Allyson Schwartz
President George W. Bush
Vice President Dick Cheney
Senator Rick Santorum
Representative Michael Fitzpatrick

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Dear Commissioners: I work at Grand Forks AFB. And have for the last 6 years, so what they do here doesn't affect me but I have a couple of concerns and ideas as a taxpayer. Our senators and congressmen seem to have the answers tho. At one time this base had about 13,000 military, when I started and it was a very busy place with 2 or 3 missions, as the years have gone by it has gone down to about 3,000. Secretary Rumsfeld has the right idea, we can no longer keep up this huge budget that the government has. From what I read in the papers and on your web sight you have a lot of bases that don't want to close or get realigned which makes for a tough job but hang in there. Our base is suppose to get these UAV,s and Drones according to our congressmen. How will these perform in our weather conditions? And one other concern is if we get this small mission will we be able to use some of the base facilities for other private industries? Our city fathers say we need to put 28 million in a upgrade to our airport, couldn't that be moved to the base? We have one of the best flying schools in the University of North Dakota couldn't we use some of the base for that? In 2 weeks you will be here visiting so get ready for 40,000 people with signs and enjoy your chippers from John Marshall. Thanks for your time.

BRAC Commission

June 8, 2005

Received

148 Greene Rd/17/2005
Warminster, PA 18974

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commissioner,

I want to convey my profound interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base whose strengths include:

- *Working joint operations of all services other than Coast Guard
- *Critical and strategic location near all Northeast major metropolitan and port areas.
- *Vital part of Homeland Defense & Security for the East Coast
- *Modern 8,000 ft. runway and modern Digital Radar Air Control System, one of only four in the U.S. and available for emergencies
- *Strong community support and ties

This base and it's role should be strengthened, not disbanded.

At a time when reserve enlistments are down, forcing reservists to travel further to drill would be a mistake.

I appreciate your taking the time to consider this request.

Sincerely,



Walter Boutcher

**BRAC Commission
Received**
6/17/2005

June 7, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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- Strong community support
- Brand new fence surrounding perimeter

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message. This base is important to us and our community.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Salerno
Ralph A. Salerno

Kathleen & Ralph Salerno
16 Beaver Hill Road
Horsham, PA 19044

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June 28, 2005

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To whom it may concern:

I am a product of the Air National Guard and I am very proud of it! I have served with both the Pennsylvania and the Delaware Air National Guard.

Since I was faced with the draft in the mid 1950's, I joined the Pennsylvania Air National Guard while still a senior in high school. After completing Basic Training at Lackland AFB, I returned to the unit and applied for Aviation Cadets. I was subsequently accepted into cadets, graduated from pilot training, and served an eight-month tour on active duty completing Combat Crew Training. I returned to fly on a part-time basis with the 103rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron of the Pennsylvania Air National Guard at Philadelphia International Airport. The unit was later relocated to Willow Grove NAS.

One of the reasons I joined the Air National Guard was that the unit was close to my home and was within a reasonable commuting distance from work.

Mid-way in my career, I transferred to the Delaware Air National Guard located at the Greater Wilmington Airport to continue flying the Boeing C-97G. The Pennsylvania Air National Guard also had C-97 aircraft, but lost their mission with the Military Airlift Command and changed aircraft. My commute to the Greater Wilmington Airport was only 30 minutes from my home and was a reasonable commute from work.

I have read that the BRAC Commission is assuming that the Air National Guard units that lose their aircraft will see the aircrew members follow their aircraft to their new location.

I doubt the reality of this assumption:

- Enlisted aircrew members may not be able to afford to commute long distances to attend drill, let alone participate in Flying Training Periods (FTP's) or additional duty days.
- On the other hand, airline pilots who are pilots in the unit may commute because of their intra-airline privileges.
- Non-airline pilots who are pilots in the unit will probably drop out if they hold responsible positions in their

civilian employment. One has to remember that ~~flying~~ for the reserve in peacetime is only a part-time job. 06302005

- If any of the above aircrew members elect not to travel to their new unit because of the distance, the Air National Guard and the Air Force will lose highly trained valuable personnel.
- I believe that many, if not all, aircrew members will not relocate to stay in the same aircraft. Family, job, and home location will decide this issue.

With the current climate in the military being lack of retention and diminished recruitment, closing of reserve facilities will only add to the manpower problem.

Also, at a time when the reserves are contributing heavily to the war effort in Iraq and Afghanistan, why close a reserve facility like Willow Grove NAS which is an all-reserve base and why eliminate the flying mission of the Delaware Air National Guard?

I would like to make one last point. Like myself, where will the young men and women from these two metropolitan areas find reserve units to join? Where will the former members of the Pennsylvania and the Delaware Air National Guard find openings in other units within a reasonable commuting distance from home or work?

Serious consideration should be given to the consequences of closing Willow Grove NAS and eliminating the flying mission at the Delaware Air National Guard.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard L. Klekotka, Major, USAFR Ret.
512 Summit House
West Chester, PA 19382-6561

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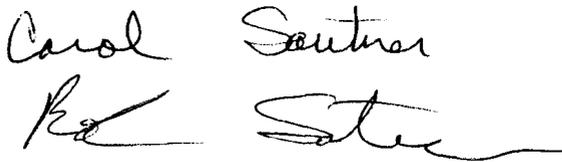
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Sincerely,

The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Carol Sautner' and the bottom signature is 'Rob Sautner'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mr. and Mrs. Rob Sautner
2393 Tabatha Drive
Warrington, PA 18976

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FAX COVER SHEET

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To: The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
 2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission

From: Janet E. Barry
 3422 Drighton Ct.
 Bethlehem, PA 18020
 (610)868-6923

Re: Willow Grove Joint Reserve Naval Air Station

Date: June 29, 2005

Dear Chairman Principi,

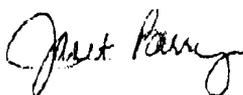
This fax was mailed to you in late May, but I have come to learn that mail forwarded to your department must go through a screening process, thus delaying its delivery to you.

I hope you will share this letter with your committee members and take it into consideration when evaluating the status of Willow Grove NAS. As you will read in my letter, there are many, many reasons to keep the base open and operating.

Please don't hesitate to contact me should you feel additional information or clarification of points is necessary.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



Janet Barry



May 31, 2005

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

Dear Mr. Principi,

I am not a person who readily questions the decisions made by my government. I prefer to believe that the peoples' best interest is at heart and that my government is doing what is right for the people. Unfortunately, however, I would be remiss if I didn't question the Pentagon's decision to close several military bases, particularly Willow Grove Naval Air Station in Pennsylvania. There doesn't seem to be adequate justification in closing a base that has supported all of our country's major military actions since WWII, and remains at the ready to defend the country today.

My understanding is that the Defense Department wants to save money and consolidate forces with this restructuring. I immediately disregard the "saving money" argument, as that isn't something the government does very well. Quite frankly, I am of the belief that the government should spend every possible dollar on the military and defending the country.

Additionally, I'd rather not have bases closed when the threat of another terrorist attack is still a good possibility and North Korea is flexing its military - and nuclear - muscle. In today's world, it seems totally unreasonable to consider closing even one base, let alone a base that houses four branches of the military and the Pennsylvania Air National Guard. Displacing personnel would be a costly error that would impact not only Pennsylvania and the region, but the entire country as well.

Willow Grove's strategic location in both New York City and Philadelphia, not to mention Harrisburg and Three Mile Island, allows for immediate defense of those areas - some of the country's most populated regions. Should another attack occur, Willow Grove would immediately be mobilized, saving precious time.

Another advantage of Willow Grove is the proximity of its training range, which is close to the base. This is not the case with other units, which have to travel a considerably longer distance to train. Willow Grove's location is unique in that it is a short distance to the range. The fact that Willow Grove airmen don't waste time getting to the training range must be a huge benefit in the area of preparation and training.

A consolidation of bases, which I have heard Secretary Rumsfeld favor, doesn't seem to be the best thought-out plan in today's post-September 11th world. It would seem to me that putting bases in two or three geographic areas would only be asking for trouble. What would happen if terrorists target a particular base and render it defenseless? Wouldn't such an action paralyze the region, leaving it more vulnerable for subsequent

attacks? Surely, if I am thinking of these consequences, those wishing to bring the USA to her knees are aware of this

Almost daily, there are news reports about declining numbers in our military. If these reports are true, why would you support closing a base that houses so many? With a thinning of the ranks, is it really prudent to close a base that is successful in both recruitment and personnel retention?

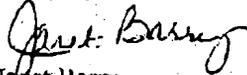
Leaving the region vulnerable and virtually defenseless notwithstanding, there is also the impact that the possible closing of Willow Grove will have on the community. The economic impact on the community would be staggering, hundreds of millions of dollars would be lost. Thousands of people in the surrounding area depend on the base for their livelihood. Are you prepared to shoulder the burden of businesses closing, lost jobs and families leaving the region due to this base's closure?

One example of the economic impact is Willow Grove's annual air show. This year alone, a quarter of a million people patronized the show during a single weekend. The sizeable revenue earned by restaurants, hotels and the state (taxes, tolls) would be lost if Willow Grove closes.

The closure of Willow Grove wouldn't benefit anyone. If you allow Willow Grove to close, thousands of people will be either out of work or transferred, which will create undue stress to the families and friends of those impacted. A region would be left unprotected and a community would lose the pride of housing one of the finest joint bases in America.

I implore you to reconsider closing Willow Grove Naval Air Station

Sincerely,



Janet Barry
3122 Drighton Ct
Bethlehem, PA 18020
(610)868-6923

cc: President George W. Bush
Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
Michael Chertoff, Secretary of Homeland Security
Governor Edward G. Rendell
Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum
Paul McHale, Asst. Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense
John F. Street, Mayor of Philadelphia
Congressmen Allyson Schwartz, Mike Fitzpatrick, Jim Gerlach
State Senators Lisa Boscola and Stewart I. Greenleaf
State Representatives Susan E. Cornell, Josh Shapiro, Eugene F. McGill
Joseph DiMauro, Chairman, Suburban Chamber of Commerce

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16 Bishops Drive
Aston, PA 19014
June 21, 2005

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BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clarke Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Members of the BRAC Commission:

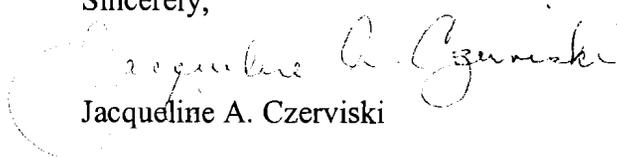
I am requesting you reconsider your decision to close the Willow Grove Naval Air Station. It is my understanding the objective is to do away with bases that serve only one branch of the service. Well, the Willow Grove Naval Air Station is a joint reserve base and I would like to have it remain an active joint reserve base. In fact, as I'm sure you are aware President Bush recently stated that closing the Willow Grove Naval Air Station did not make sense. I fail to understand how we can be closing bases during a time in our lives when terrorism is closer to home than ever – not just overseas but right here in our own homeland.

Having military bases with experienced personnel close by gives most people a feeling of security and protection. I realize the idea is to save money, which we all try to do, but I really believe there are many other areas in government that could, and should, be cut way ahead of closing our military bases. Closing bases will also probably result in the loss of some of our military personnel because those who can will retire and, as we've all seen in the papers recently, replacing the numbers will not be easy. It is also my understanding if the 111th FW is deactivated those individuals who have not attained their 20 years will be out of jobs with no credit for their service and no pension. This is a great way to treat those you sent off to war and were lucky enough to come home. So we will end up with less bases, less personnel and less protection overall. Is this really what our government wants for the citizens of this country? I hope not. Let's not fund the war in Iraq at the expense of our own security here at home. Sooner or later we will pay a dear price if this is what our government decides to do.

Again, I strongly urge you to remove the Willow Grove Naval Air Station from your closure list. Willow Grove needs to remain a thriving active joint reserve base.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Jacqueline A. Czerviski

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General James T. Hill
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite-600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear General Hill,

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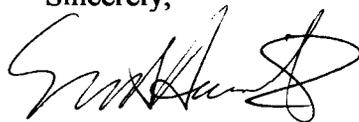
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- Overwhelming community support
- NAS JRB Willow Grove is one of only three joint military facilities in the US

If NAS Willow Grove closes, thousands of local Guards and reservists would be forced to retire early without their pensions after having already served overseas. This would also be a strategic loss to the military, our country and the war on terror.

What other secure military air installation is there in Southeastern Pennsylvania? The answer is that NAS JRB Willow Grove is the only one.

Thank you for your consideration and for conveying this strong message to the entire BRAC Commission. NAS JRB Willow Grove **MUST** remain operational.

Sincerely,



Mark Hurwitz
1507 Foxbury Road
Maple Glen, PA 19002

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Dear Barc Commission

I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

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I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Heic
1755 York Rd. H-4
Warminster PA 18974

Melissa Heic
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Lansdale, PA 19446

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June 5, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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In addition to the NAS JRB being a major asset to the protection and the advancement of US security, it also serves as a local landmark to many of the people who live in the area. For instance, recently the assisted living community that I work at, sponsored a trip for the Men's Club to the Aviation Museum that is featured at the base. The men loved it, and had a wonderful time reliving the memories of when they were in the service, and being able to trace the history as well. This is an import part of the livelihood that surrounds the base, and helps us as a society improve ourselves, and take pride in our country.

Last weekend, Memorial Day, was also one of the largest weekends in this area of Pennsylvania, all due to Air Show at the Willow Grove Base. Hundreds of thousands of people flock to Willow Grove to see the spectacular air show that is put on by the men and women who participate. Not only does the Air Show entertain, but it also stimulates the economy around the base. If the base were to close, a lot of people would lose out on a tradition that is hard to replace, never mind one that recognizes and honors the people who work very hard every day to keep our nation safe.

There is no doubt in my mind that the Willow Grove NAS JRB closing will do nothing but harm to not only the military, but also to the economic and social aspects of life around it. Please keep these sentiments in mind as you make your decision about Willow Grove NAS JRB.

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth L. Hansen

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6/23/2005

Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite-600
Arlington, VA 22202

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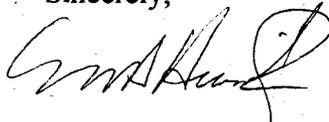
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Thank you for your consideration and for conveying this strong message to the entire BRAC Commission. NAS JRB Willow Grove MUST remain operational.

Sincerely,



Mark Hurwitz
1507 Foxbury Road
Maple Glen, PA 19002

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BRAC Commission
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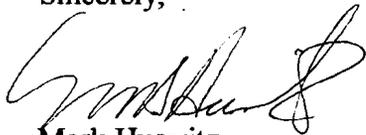
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BRAC Commission
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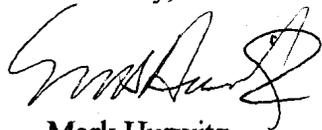
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June 7, 2005

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I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,

Rodney W. Morris

Rodney W. Morris
313 Penn Ave.
Souderton, Pennsylvania 18964

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June 9, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
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Sincerely,

Shawn Donnelly
107 Shannon Rd
Wales PA 19454

6/23/2005

Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr.
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite-600
Arlington, VA 22202

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① This June 23, 2005

Dear BRAC Commission

J. C. Kelly 06/21/2005

herby request that the Willow Grove Base in Willow Grove Pa. (Horsham Township) be remained open!

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LETTERS HOME # 215-623-654

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Sincerely
Mrs Dorothy E. Freiler
4400 Unruh Ave
Phila PA 19135-2736

My husband is Retired
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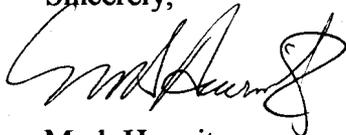
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Mark Hurwitz
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6/17/2005

May 27, 2005

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Jose M. Galcher

Joseph J. Glavin

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner
BRAC Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite-600
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BRAC Commission
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Maureen Burrows
288 Leverington Ave
Philadelphia, PA 19128

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BRAC Commission
2521 Clark Street, Suite 600
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To whom it may concern,

I respectfully urge you to prevent the closing of the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is a model of joint use base facilities.

I raise the following considerations:

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The Northeast corridor is the mostly densely populated part of the country. It contains innumerable targets for those wanting to do us harm. Closing Willow Grove will make us even more vulnerable than we already are. Please convey my deep concern to the BRAC Commission.

I appreciate your service to your country and its citizens and I thank you for considering this strong message.

Sincerely,

Maureen Burrows

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June 23, 2005

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2521 S. Clark Street
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200 Elm Ave
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