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Parsippany, NY 07054-131
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Norman A. Lipsky
25 Cambria St.
Lancaster, NY 14086

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Army: 98 Div Training.
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Terri Morgan
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(City, State, Zip)
June 2005

BRAC Commission
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Holland, NY
14020
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Name

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Date: 11/24/2005
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difficult times that is now.

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Always, even the newspapers say there are no significant challenges in recruiting

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Brodell, N.B., 7/17/05

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Sincerely,

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1607 East Fairhaven Rd

Iroquois, NY 14081
June 2005

BRAC Commission

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Sincerely,

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G.I., NY 14077
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Deborah A. Cutler
(A concerned Citizen)

656 Orchard Park
Niagara Falls, NY 14301-1012
June 2005

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Name

3400 HSBC Center, Bflo NY 14202

Address (mandatory)
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(name)

2573 damp ct.  
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(army veteran)
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12928 Keppel Rd.
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Akron, NY 14001
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37 Legion Avenue
Kensmore, NY 14217-1409
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I have been working at a public high school in Erie county for over twenty years. During this time, I have seen many graduating seniors join the reserves because of the college incentives and since 9/11, because of an obligation of duty to the country. It's definitely an incentive to have an air force base so nearby for their weekend tour of duty. If the base at Niagara Falls is closed, I think the closest base is near the Syracuse area. This would be a major deterrent in signing up for the reserves as many high school kids do not have cars or the means to travel all the way to Syracuse.

Also, with the increased vigilance that is asked of us citizens of our suspicious neighbors (i.e. "The Lackawanna six"). I cannot understand closing a military Air Base so close to the U.S./Canada border! If anything, we should be increasing our funds to the border bases where terrorists and suspicious aliens try everyday to get into this country.

I strongly believe that our homeland security will be threatened and enrollment into the reserves will also decrease considerably. We are committed to this War on Terror for the long haul. Closing such a valuable Air Force Base such as Niagara Falls would be a step backward in this fight.

Please keep the Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base open!

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Debra A. Stenzel
6599 Jewett - Holmwood Road
Orchard Park, NY 14127
Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, Va. 22202  

Dear Chairman Principi and BRAC Commission  

I was upset by the Defense Department's recommendation to close Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve and Guard base. This recommendation is not in the nation's best interest and I feel the BRAC Commission should reverse this decision to remove Niagara Falls 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 more costly Active Duty bases.  

Also, even the newspapers say 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 significant in 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. Overturn the Pentagon's recommendation and keep the base open.  

Sincerely,  

Margaret J. Borelli
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Sincerely,

Eric & Peggy Hill
Chairman Anthony J. Principi  
Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 500  
Arlington, VA  22202

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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.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

(A concerned Citizen)

[Address]

David J. Kogut  
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Sincerely,

Lisa McLeish

63 East Park Dr, Lockport, N.Y. 14094

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144 Roycroft Blvd, Amherst, NY 14226

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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,

Cynthia N. Hermanson

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Received

7 July 2005

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[Address] Buffalo, NY 14023
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Sincerely,

Kevin Haniszewski
Name

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295 Bowers Ave

Tobacco, NY 14850

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Helena J. [Signature]
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Niagara Falls

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Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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(Recipient's Name)
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313 Willow St

Lewiston, NY 14092
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P.O. Box 231
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123 Main Street
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7 July 2005
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870 Lanyoncker St, Buffalo, NY 14206
Address (mandatory)
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Charles Slippett

232 Moor Ave, Buffalo, NY 14223

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- Niagara Falls Air Base is reassuring to a community who borders Canada, the great lakes and our fresh water supply, is home to many chemical plants, and Niagara Falls a world wonder and the major power supplier for the East Coast, which could be targets of terrorists.
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- We found out the hard way at Pearl Harbor what happens when we put all our fleet in one place, do we really want all our planes in Arkansas?
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- It is unwise in the midst of the threat of terrorism, illegal border crossings, and a war overseas with no end in sight.

Niagara Falls Air Force Reserve Base must not be closed.

Best regards,

Robert Vasko
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The Impetus of the Future of this base should be Homeland Security.

In the event of a terrorist attack the facility could be used as a holding center, because it is well guarded and since World War II, Fort Niagara, NY is no longer viable.

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Finally, I do not want this airbase turned into another dumpsite for hazardous waste, and to see the events of an unresponsive plane get within 3 miles of the Whitehouse last month with people scurrying aimlessly through the streets of Washington DC. It took Air Force aircraft from far away bases too long to reach the ill fated 9/11 passengers. We still have a long way to go to protect our nation. The closing of this airbase is not an option. It will only breed homeland insecurity.

Philip James Jarosz
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Jane & Larry Woodward
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Jean Landhe

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7/7/2005  
City, State, Zip

Vet of World War II & Korea.
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