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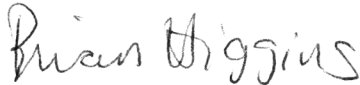
The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street Suite 600
Alexandria, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

My constituent, Richard Makuch, PO Box 7, Dunkirk, NY 14048, contacted my Jamestown office to express his extreme opposition to the Niagara base closing. As with many Western New Yorkers Mr. Makuch feels that this closing would be very detrimental to this area.

Mr. Makuch believes that if army helicopters could be placed at the base this would allow for increased watch for illegal immigrants.

Very Truly Yours,



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