



STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
M. MICHAEL ROUNDS, GOVERNOR

September 8, 2005

BRAC Commission

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner  
2005 Defense Base Closure and  
and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

SEP 13 2005

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Dear Mr. Skinner:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your vote in support of Ellsworth Air Force Base and your recommendation to the President to retain the base in South Dakota.

Your acceptance of the arguments we made on behalf of protecting our nation's premier long range bomber fleet affirms our confidence in such a body of independent thinkers.

The men and women who serve at Ellsworth Air Force Base are part of our Black Hills community. We will continue to welcome and support them in the future as we have for the past 60 years. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,

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General James T. Hill (USA,Ret)  
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Admiral Harold W. (Hal) Gehman, Jr., (USN, Ret)  
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Dear Admiral Gehman:

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner (USAF, Ret)  
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Dear Brigadier General Turner:

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The Honorable Philip Coyle  
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General Lloyd W. "Fig" Newton (USAF, Ret)  
2005 Defense Base Closure and  
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Dear General Newton:

Please accept my sincere thanks for your hard work as a member of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission. In observing your work as a member of the commission, I appreciated your attention to detail. Although you did not agree with the remainder of the commission in keeping Ellsworth Air Force Base open, I still wanted to thank you for your service in this important process.

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