

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 18, 2005

Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
U.S. Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
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2521 South Clark Street  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

We have been following the BRAC Commission's hearings this week, and want to commend you and the other eight Commissioners for your thoughtful and independent approach to the task at hand. Reviewing so much material and weighing all of the various considerations is a daunting task. We admire your efforts, and wish to support them in any way we can.

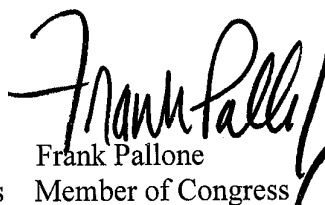
As part of the BRAC Commission's method of gathering information, you will soon be holding regional hearings. We are writing to ask that you hold the Mid-Atlantic hearing in Eatontown, New Jersey, the home of Fort Monmouth. New Jersey is the region's most severely impacted state, and we believe that a hearing near this facility will enable the BRAC Commission to hear from the community directly and honestly about the impact Fort Monmouth's potential closure would have on our war fighters in the field.

Again, thank you for all of the work you are doing, and for all of the work that is to come. Your service to the country is deeply appreciated.

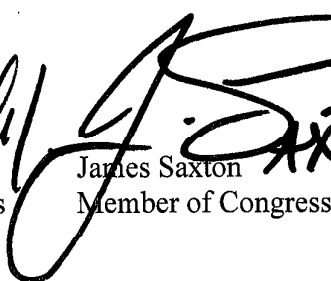
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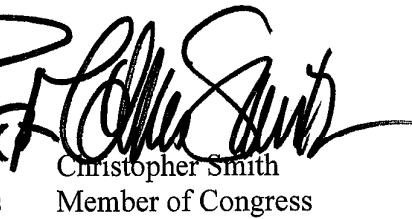
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