

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

May 27, 2005

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
1000 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301-1000

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

Two weeks have passed since the Department of Defense submitted its Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) list, but the Department has yet to release the full set of detailed data on which its decisions were based. Though the Department has transmitted its recommendations and summaries, it has not released installation-specific data, such as data indicating how it derived military value scores for each installation. The Department's failure to provide this data severely disadvantages the BRAC Commission and affected communities.

The BRAC Commission does not have access to the data it is mandated to review. The Commissioners have already begun site visits around the country, but their ability to ask the right questions about the facilities is significantly hampered by the lack of detailed data. The affected communities are frustrated as well, as they are not able to review the Department's justification for closure and realignment of their local bases. This situation is tantamount to allowing a prosecutor to argue his case before the jury without the defendant knowing what evidence, if any, is being presented.

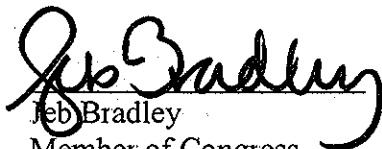
Section 2903 (c) (4) of the BRAC statute provides that, "In addition to making all information used by the Secretary to prepare the recommendations under this subsection available to Congress (including any committee or member of Congress), the Secretary shall also make such information available to the Commission and the Comptroller General of the United States."

The Department of Defense should comply with the law by providing the BRAC Commission and Congress with the information used to create its recommendations, including but not limited to, all data collected, meeting minutes, decisional documents, and the COBRA model, no later than May 31. Failure to meet this deadline will require Congress to consider changes to the BRAC timeline.

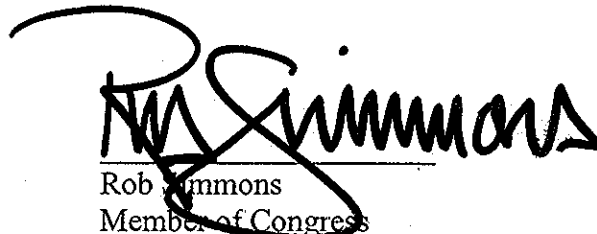
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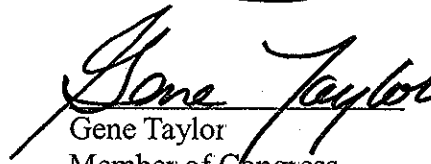
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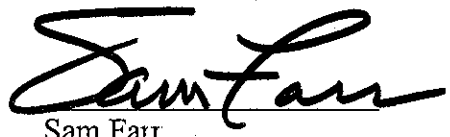
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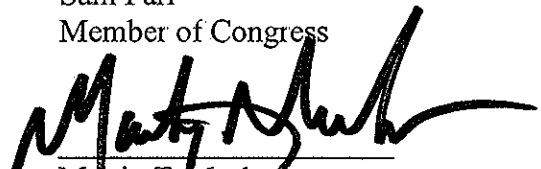

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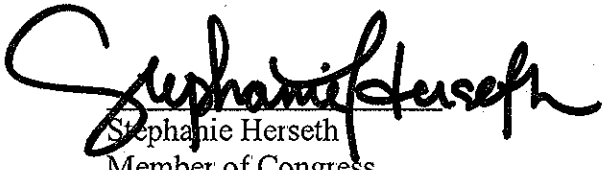

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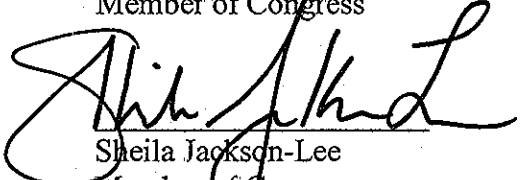

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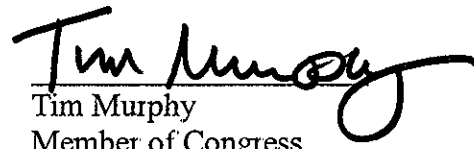

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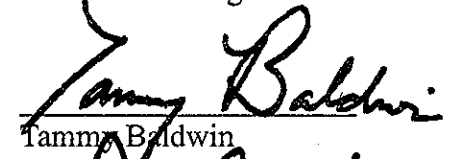

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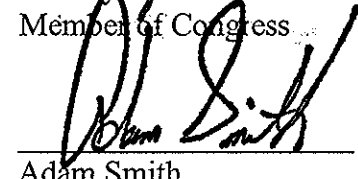

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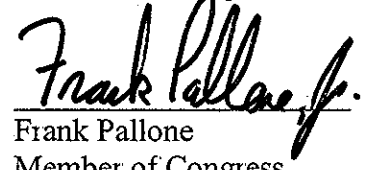

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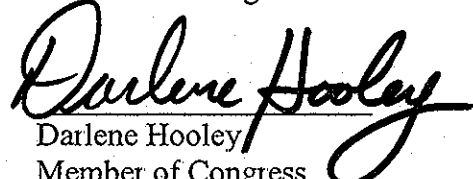

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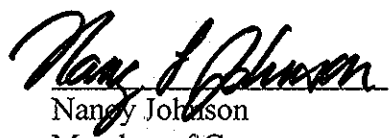

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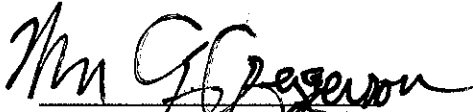

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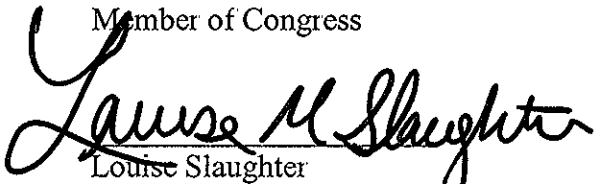

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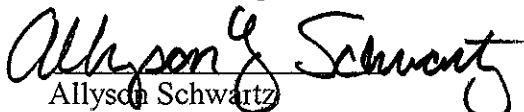

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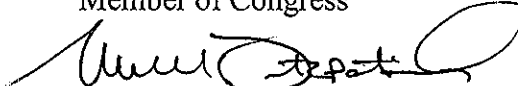

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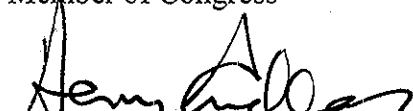

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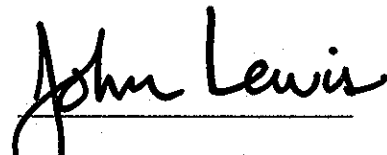

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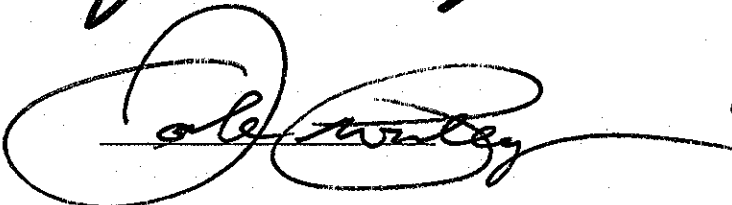

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