



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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

Dear Mr. Secretary:

In my May 25, 2005 letter, I wrote to you expressing my deep concerns with the Department of Defense's recommendations to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission to relocate and transfer F-15 fighter aircraft and personnel from the 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing at Portland Air National Guard Base, Portland, Oregon. Given Oregon's geographic location and unquestionable need for air superiority in the Pacific Northwest, this recommendation places the entire region at risk if it is accepted.

I am writing to advise you officially that, as Governor of Oregon, I do not consent to the deactivation, relocation or withdrawal of the 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing. Further, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. §18238 and 32 U.S.C. §104(c), my consent is necessary for the Department of Defense to implement the recommended actions regarding the 142<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing.

Accordingly, pursuant to the above-referenced statutes, the actions proposed by the Department of Defense cannot proceed. It is my present intention to file a lawsuit in Oregon's federal district court seeking injunctive and declaratory relief to stop the proposed actions.

Sincerely,



THEODORE R. KULONGOSKI  
Governor

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cc: Chairman Anthony J. Principi, BRAC