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## NGAUS Board Urges BRAC Commission to Reject Air National Guard Cuts

WASHINGTON (July 27, 2005) — The governing body of the association that represents Guard officers at every echelon is calling for the correction or rejection of Air Force plans to ground a third of the Air National Guard under the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

In a position paper sent yesterday to the BRAC Chairman Anthony J. Principi, the NGAUS Board of Directors said "recommendations which relocate equipment and personnel, deactivate units, or change force structure within states are not authorized under the BRAC statute."

Congress created the BRAC process to divest excess Defense Department real estate.

The Air Force scheme would leave six states without a flying unit. Developed for the Pentagon without consultation with the adjutants general in the 54 states and territories, the plan would eliminate all of the aircraft from 29 Air National Guard flying units around the country.

This could prompt large numbers of the Total Air Force's most experienced air crews and maintainers to decide to leave military service.

"NGAUS certainly understands and accepts that change is a necessary part of any national defense strategy and that the Air Force and Air National Guard should be prepared to change in a logical and proper way," the NGAUS Board wrote in the paper.

"We stand ready to support change that will make America stronger, but we must speak out against recommendations that are clearly wrong, based on flawed processes and clearly exceed statutory authority."

The NGAUS Board of Directors unanimously passed the document over the weekend at its annual summer meeting in Washington, D.C.

Its dissemination closely follows a letter to Mr. Principi from the Adjutants General Association (AGAUS) asking the BRAC Commission to "set aside" the recommendations impacting the Air Guard.

This would allow, the AGAUS said, time for "the states and the Air Force to deal with those issues in established separate processes."

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