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The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
1155 Defense Pentagon
Arlington, VA 20301

Dear Secretary Rumsfeld:

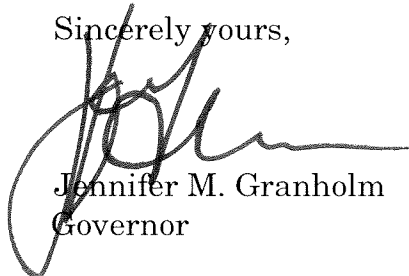
The Department of Defense recommendations for the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process recommended closing W. K. Kellogg Airport Air Guard Station (BCANG), moving the 110th Fighter Wing to Selfridge Air National Guard Base and retiring the F-16s from the 127th Wing at Selfridge.

I am writing to advise you officially that, as Governor of Michigan, I do not consent to the deactivation, relocation, or withdrawal of the 110th Fighter Wing or the retirement of the F-16s from the 127th Wing.

These Department of Defense recommendations have not been coordinated with me, my Adjutant General, or members of his staff. No one in authority of the Michigan Air National Guard was consulted or even briefed about this recommended action before it was announced publicly.

These recommendations appear to be the result of a seriously flawed process that has completely overlooked the important role of the states with regard to the Air National Guard units. I also note that these recommendations are also of questionable legality, especially in light of the recent opinion of the BRAC Commission's own General Counsel's office.

Sincerely yours,



Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

Cc: The Honorable Carl Levin
The Honorable Debbie Stabenow
The Honorable Joe Schwarz

