



August 9, 2011

The Honorable John Kasich  
Governor of the State of Ohio  
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Columbus, OH 43215

The Honorable Thomas Niehaus  
President of the Ohio State Senate  
Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

The Honorable William G. Batchelder  
Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives  
77 S. High Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor Kasich, President Niehaus, and Speaker Batchelder:

It has recently come to our attention that a proposal is under consideration to combine the core population centers of the present Third and Seventh Congressional Districts abutting Wright-Patterson Air Force Base (WPAFB). We are opposed to any plan that combines WPAFB into one congressional district. We believe that any such plan would damage the local economy and our ability to protect and advance WPAFB. We ask for your assurance that WPAFB's congressional representation not be diminished.

WPAFB is the largest single site employer in the state of Ohio. Over the last 10 years the workforce has grown steadily to its current level of about 27,500 and could, as a result of the 2005 defense base closure process (BRAC), reach close to 30,000 in the near future. Additionally, approximately 20,000 affiliated jobs are located just outside of the base grounds. This combined workforce of about 50,000 Ohioans are resident predominately in the Third and Seventh Congressional Districts.

Wright-Patterson is one of the largest, most diverse and complex research bases within the Air Force. It holds the headquarters of the Air Force Materiel Command, a major Air Force Medical Center, Air Force Institute of Technology, Aeronautical Systems Center, and headquarters of the Air Force Research Laboratory. Our congressional delegation works to advance the core mission of WPAFB, grow its workforce and defend against attempts to transfer missions or functions from Ohio. As you are aware, other states continuously seek to siphon jobs from Wright-Patterson but have been rebuffed through strong congressional action.

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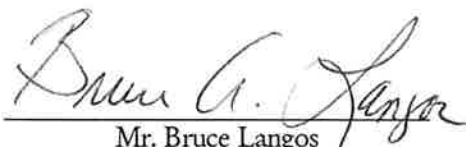
We think it is essential that WPAFB retain its full congressional representation. At a time when Ohio is struggling, it is vital that jobs at Wright-Patterson are protected and that the base continues to grow. Combining congressional representation would result in political division and a diffusion of needed resources for advancing job producing causes in the Dayton region.


We hope to hear from you regarding this important issue for the region and the state.

Sincerely,

  
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President & CEO  
Dayton Development Coalition

  
Mr. Phil Parker, CAE, CCE  
President & CEO  
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

  
Mr. Bruce Langos  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Dayton Development Coalition  
COO, Teradata Corporation

  
Mr. James Pancoast  
Chairman of the Board of Trustees  
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce  
CEO, Premier Health Partners