



**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 5, 2008

The Honorable Michael W. Wynne  
Secretary of the Air Force  
1690 Air Force Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20330

Dear Secretary Wynne:

We would like to ensure you are aware of the infrastructure and unique resources available at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base as the Air Force considers potential locations for a permanent headquarters for Cyberspace Command. In the event the Air Force decides to consolidate the headquarters at one location and decentralize cyber command operations across multiple bases, Wright-Patterson provides significant facilities and resources to accommodate multiple sectors of the cyberspace mission such as intelligence analysis and technology research and development.

Wright-Patterson is one of the world's most diverse military bases with particular strengths in the area of cyberspace. As the headquarters of the Air Force Research Laboratory (AFRL) and half of its directorates, Wright-Patterson has greater capacity than any other military base for research to support the development of weapons systems engaging in the electromagnetic spectrum, energy transmission, and electronic communication.

Wright-Patterson is home to the Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) which houses the Center for Cyberspace Research with responsibility for developing Air Force and Defense Department leaders in cyber operations. Wright-Patterson is also home to the National Air and Space Intelligence Center (NASIC) which already performs considerable cyberspace intelligence analysis used by policy makers and the warfighter.

The Wright-Patterson infrastructure includes the Major Shared Resource Center (MSRC) high performance computing facility and extensive fiber connectivity. In addition, Wright-Patterson is located near several universities engaged in research related to information security and cyberspace, including Ohio State University, the nation's largest, most comprehensive public research university. Both Ohio State and AFIT are designated by the National Security Agency as Centers of Excellence for Information Assurance Education. Other nearby research universities include the University of Dayton and Wright State University.

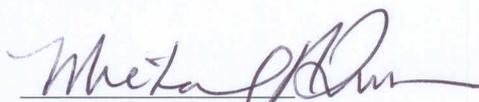
In addition to these existing military and research university capabilities and infrastructure in the Dayton area and statewide, the greatest local resource is the highly skilled personnel. The Dayton area employs numerous computer scientists, IT specialists, human behavior analysts, and

electronic, computer, software, and network engineers, all trained professionals with the essential skills to support the cyberspace mission.

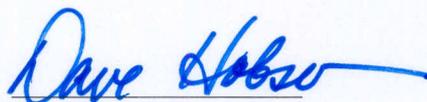
We are proud of the role Wright-Patterson has played in establishing the Air Force dominance of air and space and we collectively support an additional mission that can help establish Air Force dominance in cyberspace as well.

We request that you ensure our offices are kept abreast of the selection process for the cyber command headquarters, and other locations where decentralized cyberspace operational missions can be conducted. We appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your response.

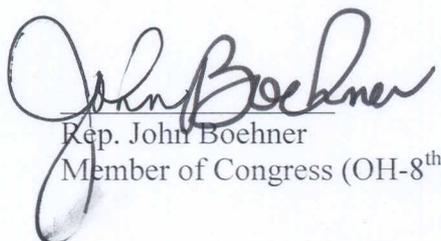
Sincerely,



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