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| I am writing this letter to tell you that I support the Collier/Hoover mixed use development plan for Homestead Air Force Base. The Collier/Hoover mixed use alternative development offers a partnership between the environment and the economy. Through creation of a visitor attraction, educational facility and business center, the project will bring jobs and dollars to South Dade without harming the national parks. Please support this proposal. | I am writing this letter to tell you that I support the Collier/Hoover mixed use development plan for Homestead A Force Base. I like this plan because it will protect the environment and provide jobs for people. It will also teach people about the oceans and coral reefs.  Sincerely, |
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support the Dade County Airport for Homestead.

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Visit us on the WEB @ www.Homesteadairport.com

Sample Letter 3: 11 received

Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX Suite 2300 1700 North Moore Street Arlington, VA 22209-2802

Dear U.S. Air Force

I oppose the development of a commercial airport at the Homestead Air Base. I believe it will cause unacceptable pollution and noise in adjacent Everglades and Biscayne national parks, not only despoiling these natural treasures but harming our national initiative (paid for by the taxpayers) to restore them.

As a less environmentally harmful alternative, I would support the development of mixed commercial and residential uses at the Homestead base.

The Air Force must ensure that this federal property does not become a vehicle for the destruction of some of this country's most precious and unique natural resources.

Please consider this my formal comment regarding the draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the redevelopment of the Homestead base.

Sincerely,

Sample Letter 4: 25 received

Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209-2802

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In advance, we thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Printed Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_\_

Sample Letter 5: 23 received

February 29, 2000

AFBCA/EX 1700 N. Moore Street, Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209-2802

To Whom This May Concern

As a resident of Homestead, I am deeply opposed to the conversion of from what was once Homestead Air Force Base into a commercial/cargo airport.

The mayor of Homestead, Steve Shiver, has turned a deaf ear to the anti-airport majority. Instead, he has chosen to represent this community as being in support. Nothing could be further from the truth!

I believe such a move would be disastrous to our Everglades National Park and Biscayne National Monument. In addition, I believe also by doing so would set a dangerous precedent for allowing development near or in our other national parks.

In a letter dated August 10, 1999, to the Attorney General of the United States, Janet Reno, the law firm of Vermer, Lilpfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand petitioned the Justice Department for Extraordinary Relief for the Cities of Homestead and Floida City. Sadly, in that letter, environmentalist were represented to be white, middle class racists, who use environmental causes to suppress minorities. I take great offense at this law firm's elanderous argument and interpretation of the Environmental Justice Law. This is outrageous! I am not a racist, I am simply a person who moved to Homestead to enjoy the beauty, quiet, and calm of the community, and wish only to keep it this way.

I understand the need for some developement here in South Dade County, Florida, but an airport would only destroy what South Florida is famous for: the Everglades, Biscayne National Park, our beautiful beaches and wild life. I encourage the acceptance of the Coller/Hoover plan. This alternative proposed plan includes a golf course, hotel, business offices and would pose considerably less negative environmental and social impact than the commercial/cargo airport.

Please, for all that is beautiful in South Florida, I beg your intercession in this matter. Please dissuade the United States Air Force of approving the Homestead Air Force Base acreage for an airport.

Sincerely

Sample Letter 7: 4 received

February 6, 2000

U.S. Air Force Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX 1700 North Moore Street, Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209-2802

Dear Sirs.

I strongly urge you not to adopt the H.A.D.I. Plan to construct a commercial airport at the existing HAFB located in southeast Dade County for the following reasons:

The H.A.D.I. Plan does not address the economic impact on the Florida National Marine Sanctuary or the nearby coral reefs.

The jobs created by the Hoover Collier Plan will be available to the semi-skilled people of Homestead and Florida City without special training.

The alternate plans can proceed immediately without legal action, thereby providing economic relief to southeast Dade County sooner than the H.A.D.I. Plan.

If we ruin what people come to south Florida for, by the adverse effects of a commercial airport, then all the people of south Florida will lose.

Because the H.A.D.I. Plan lacks a long term vision regarding environmental impact on our coral reefs, noise levels, and future tourism, I urge you to **vote "NO"** on the plan to develop a commercial airport in southeast Dade County and choose an alternate plan such as the Hoover Collier Proposal.

| Yours truly,     |  |   |
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Sample Letter 6: 31 received

Feb 10, 2000

U.S. Air Force Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX 1700 North Moore Street Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209-2802

To Whom It May Concern:

I live at Keys Gate, located in Homestead, Florida. I wish to express my opinion concerning the development of the old Homestead Air Force Base property. I <u>DO NOT WANT</u> a commercial airport built on that property. I firmly believe it will damage our environment with pollution and extreme noise. I favor the Collier/Hoover Proposal.

Name
Address

Thank you for you attention

Sample Letter 8: 18 received

February 1, 2000

Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX 1700 North Moore Street Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209-2802

Dear SEIS Contact:

I am a homeowner in South Miami-Dade County. As a resident I am gravely concerned about the environmental destruction that will most surely be caused by the Air Force's proposed transfer of the Homestead Air Reserve Base in Florida to Miami-Dade County for development of a large commercial airport. We strongly believe that the development of a commercial airport at the Homestead site will cause unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution to this area

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In advance, we thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Sample Letter 9: 9 received

February 1, 2000

Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX 1700 North Moore Street Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209-2802

Dear SEIS Contact:

I am a homeowner in the Ocean Reef Community [member of the Ocean Reef Club], which is located on the northern end of the Island of Key Largo in the Florida Keys. All of us at Ocean Reef are gravely concerned about the environmental destruction that will most surely be caused by the Air Force's proposed transfer of the Homestead Air Reserve Base in Florida to Miami-Dade County for development of a large commercial airport. We strongly believe that the development of a commercial airport at the Homestead site will cause unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution to this area.

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Sample Letter 11: 444 received

February 23, 2000

Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX 1700 N. Moore St., Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209-2802 FAX: 703-696-8828

Dear Federal Officials

As a resident of the Miami Lakes community, I fully support the conveyance of the former Homestead Air Force Base to Miami-Dade County. The proposed Homestead Regional Airport will be an invaluable aviation asset for this community, and it rightfully should be conveyed to the people of Miami-Dade County.

The Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) indicates that the development of a commercial airport, the Proposed Action, may result in minimal environmental impacts. According to the SEIS, the County has stipulated to specific mitigation measures to address these minimal impacts. Purther, the SEIS recognizes the existence of a civil aviation need in South Florida and notes that the Homestead facility is uniquely suited to accommodate all types of aircraft in the civil fleet.

It is time to convey the facility to Miami-Dade County. Further delay will only hinder prudent planning for the future aviation needs of our community. The County has sought a commercial reliever airport for the past 20 years. I encourage you to now make the right decision and convey Homestead Air Force Base to Miami-Dade County.

Sincerely

Sample Letter 10: 31 received

To whom it may concern

I am writing this letter to express outrage at the proposed airport in Homestead. The Ewerglades, the Florida Keys, and all of Biscayne Bay represent the only natural resources for South Floridian to enjoy in our free time. To locate an Airport within this landscape would be criminal.

Many of us have spent years on Biscayne Bay, boating and fishing, canocing and kayaking. It is one of the most beautiful landscapes the world has to offer. This Airport proposal would start the erosion of the quality of life that has made South Florida a fantastic place to live. Anyone who has ever gone beating or canocing understands that solitude from our industrial lives is the very thing that makes the experience worth repeating. It is the solitude that frees our minds to explore new ideas and thoughts.

This airport proposal would be an irreversible decision that will forever haunt the lives of all those living in Southern Florida.

Additionally, those developers who would have development rights over the site have gained this right only through political favors and backhanded maneuvers. This group should never be allowed to take control of this site.

I urge you to make the intelligent decision and bypass the Airport proposal.

Sincerely,

Sample Letter 12: 6 received

### COMMENTS

February 26, 2000

Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX 1700 North Moore Street Suite 2300 Arlington, VA 22209-2802

Dear SEIS Contact:

I am greatly concerned about the proposed transfer of the Homestead Reserve Base to Miami-Dade County for development of a large commercial airport. Such action will ultimately, dangerously pollute two neighboring National Parks, namely Biscayne Bay and the Everglades.

A recent article in the MIAMI HERALD states: "The Everglades restoration plan is expected to cost \$7.8 billion - a price tag that works out to about \$400 million a year." Certainly such expenditures indicate major projects by the Federal Government and State of Florida. What happens, one might ask, when air pollution, noise pollution and probably water pollution commence from the projected heavy use of the airport, and degradation of the National Parks and surrounding farmland begins!

To me, it would appear to be counterproductive and generally a real mess particularly since a viable, nonpolluting, huge job creating alternative has already been offered in opposition to airport expansion. Please consider this alternative carefully as well as any other proposals which will serve to save both our National Parks and surrounding farmlands from gradual deterioration affecting many homeowners in the area.

Thank you and your affiliates for your consideration.

Very truly yours

Sample Letter 13: 5 received

February 20, 2000

Defense Secretary William S. Cohen 1000 Defense Pentagon Washington, DC 20301 www.defenselink.mil/faq/comment/html

Dear Mr. Cohen:

I urgently need your help to stop the construction of a major commercial airport just a few miles from two national parks. I am a resident/homeowher in the beautiful Florida Keys. Many of us are gravely concerned about the environmental destruction that will most surely be caused by the Air Force's proposed transfer of the Homestead Air Reserve Base in Florida to Miami-Dade County for development of a large commercial airport. We strongly believe that the development of a commercial airport at the Homestead site will cause unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution to this area.

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In advance, we thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Sample Letter 15: 30 received

Homestead SEIS AFBCA/EX 1700 North Moore Street Suite 2300 Arlington VA 22209-2802

I am writing to express my opposition to the Air Force's plan to transfer the former Homestead Air Reserve Base to Dade County for development into a major international airport.

As the Air Force's recently completed Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and other studies concerning the Homestead project show, this airport would have devastating consequences for adjacent Everglades and Biscayne national parks. The Air Force study also concludes that alternatives to the airport, such as developing the site for mixed commercial and residential use, would have significantly less harmful consequences.

The Everglades, Biscayne Bay, and the Florida Keys are unique and treasured parts of America's natural history far too important to be sacrificed for an airport.

The Air Force should follow the advice of Interior secretary Babbitt and EPA administrator Browner and the wishes of many, many Americans and abandon this airport development plan.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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| Dear Honorable |  |
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We urgently need your help to stop the construction of a major commercial airport just a few miles from two national parks. In addition to being a resident of a member at II have a horne air Ocean Reef in Key Largo. Florida, We, of the Ocean Reef community, are gravely concerned about the environmental repercussions of the Air Force's proposed transfer of the Homestand Air Reserve Base in Florida to Miami-Dade County for development of a large commercial airport. It is no exaggeration to say that such an airport would dangerously pollute two neighboring national parks, Blosque National Park and Everglades National Park, along with at least a half-dozen other protocted natural areas in this unique part of the country.

We strongly believe that the development of a commercial airport at the Homestead site will cause unacceptable amounts of noise and air pollution to this area. There are alternative proposals to develop the Homestead base for mixed commercial and residential uses that would be far more compatible with the adjacent national parks, while still providing an economic boost to the local area. Also, there appear to be alternative sites for development of additional commercial airport capacity in South Florida.

Under the Air Force's draft environmental impact study, the commercial airport is estimated to have over 230,000 annual operations. The result is almost one flight every two minutes over the Everglades, Bicscaryne National Park and our community. The commercial airport will result in tons of toxic air emissions daily (much of which will be deposited into Biscayne Bay), lead and other hazardous chemicals washing into the soil and water, and thousands of acres of land and wilclife habitat paved over into industrial and residential sprawl.

The public comment period for the Air Force's draft environmental study closes on March 7, 2000. The Air Force may exon thereafter make its decision about what alternative it will choose. We urge you to express your concerns to the Air Force and the Clinton Administration regarding the proper use of the Homestead base. We hope you will speak forcefully in opposition to the proposed commercial airport and in support of a more reasonable development project for Homestead, which strikes a balance between needed economic development and preservation of our national environmental treasures.

In advance, we thank you for your time and interest in this important issue.

Sincerely,

Sample Letter 16: 114 received

Dear President Clinton.

My name is \_\_\_\_, and I am in the  $6^{th}$  grade at Westview Middle School in Miami, Florida. We are learning about the expansion of the Homestead Air Force Base. We do not believe that it is necessary to expand the Air Force Base/Airport. It will pollute our Everglades, our air, and our water. There also can be a nuclear explosion at Turkey Point, a nuclear power plant, if a plane crashes into it. We believe that there are alternatives.

The birds can die just for noise pollution the air will be polluted because of smoke that will kill animals, plants and people. The water will be contaminated with toxics and that would be the end of the Everglades.

I really think animals have rights. We shouldn't take away from them because of our needs only.

May you please do something about it. We hope you bring somebody from the Air Force to talk about it. Please respond quickly.

Sincerely

Sample Letter 17: 63 received

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February 4, 2000

U.S. AIR FORCE HOMESTEAD SEIS AFBC/A/EX 1700 NORTH MOORE STREET SUITE 2300 ARLINGTON,VA 22209-2802 PRESIDENT WILLIAM CLINTON THE WHITE HOUSE 1600 PENNSYLVANIA AVE WASHINGTON, DC 20500

RE: PROPOSED HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE

DEAR SIRS/MADAM:

WE ARE WRITING THIS LETTER TO IMPLORE YOU TO RECONSIDER CONSTRUCTING A COMMERCIAL AIRPORT AT THE SITE OF THE HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE; CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING FACTS;

 FOR YEARS THE FRAGILE ENVIRONMENT OF THE BISCAYNE NATIONAL PARK AND THE ONLY LIVING REEF IN THE U.S. HAS HAD TO CONTEND WITH THE MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF CHEMICALS THAT THE SUGAR INDUSTRY OF FLORIDA HAS DUMPED INTO THE WATERS OF THE FLORIDA KEYS.

HAVE YOU SEEN THE DAMAGE THAT HAS BEEN DONE TO THE BEAUTY OF BISCAYNE BAY AND THE DAMAGE TO THE ALREADY ENDANGERED WILDLIFE THERE???????

2. NOW YOU ARE PROPOSING TO ADD TO THIS ALREADY ENDANGERED NATIONAL PARK AND MARINE SANCTUARY WE HAVE TRIED SO HARD TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE FOR THE CHILDREN TO COME, WITH AN AIRPORT WHICH WILL DUMP MILLIONS OF GALLONS OF DIESEL FUEL AND TOXIC WASTES TO THE ALREADY MILLIONS OF WASTES FROM THE SUGAR INDUSTRY WHICH WILL DESTROY EVEN MORE OF OUR PROTECTED AND ENDANGERED SANCTUARIES.

PETITION TO STOP THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE HOMESTEAD AIRPORT

February 29, 2000

HOMESTEAD DRAFT SEIS AFBCA/PA 1700 N. Moore St. Suite 2300 Arlington, Va. 22209-2802

Registered Mail

Gentlemen

Enclosed please find 97 signatures on twenty petitions urging that the former Homestead Air Force Base not be developed as an operating airport or spaceport and a less intense development be approved. Additionally, these 97 individuals point out that the Draft SEIS fails to consider important factors relative to the Florida Keys.

Please enter these into the public record and your consideration of the disposal of the former air base. Thank you.

John C. Verdon

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Governor Jeb Bush Cc: Senator Connie Mack Senator Bob Graham Representative Peter Deutsch Senator Darvl L. Jones Representative Ken Sore Vice President Al Gore

PETITION OPPOSING DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE AS AN OPERATING

AIRPORT OR SPACEPORT

Petition: 49 signatures

TO: HOMESTEAD DRAFT SEIS AFBCA/PA 1700 N. MOORE ST., SUITE 2300 ARLINGTON, VA. 22209-2802

PETITION PREPARED BY: John Verdon, Islamorada, Fl.

COPIES TO ELECTED OFFICIALS

CIRCULATED BY:

(Name, address)

Gentlemen:

We are opposed to the development of the former Homestead Air Force Base as an operating airport or a spaceport and request that a less intense development option be approved. Please enter this petition in the public record in your consideration of this matter. Thank you.

1. The airport and spaceport development plans will:

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DATE PRINT NAME SIGNATURE ADDRESS

Petition: 97 signatures

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# Memorandum

To: US Air Force

CC: Vice President Al Gore

Girl Scout Troop 78 of Tropical Florida From:

Date: 3/5/00

Proposed Homestead Airport

Attached you will find a petition signed by the members of Girl Scout Troop 78 of Florida and their parents and siblings.

As residents of South Florida we appreciate and respect our environment. We all test the proposed plan for Homestead Airport would cause irreparable damage to out frail ecosystem. Today we were fortunate enough to tour the Everglades and (ch strongly about its preservation - so strongly that we wrote and signed the position.)

ber that our decisions will affect the children who are signing this



Dear Al Gore et al,

We are writing this letter to object to the use of our Everglades in Homestead FL as an airport. We need our Everglades as an important resource. We are Brownie Scout Troop #78. Please save the Everglades for our future.

Petition: 20 signatures

#### PETITION OPPOSING DEVELOPMENT OF THE FORMER HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE AS AN OPERATING AIRPORT OR SPACEPORT

TO: HOMESTEAD DRAFT SEIS AFBCA/PA 1700 N. MOORE ST., SUITE 2300 ARLINGTON, VA. 22209-2802 PETITION PREPARED BY: John Verdon, Islamorada, Fl.

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Petition: 72 signatures

#### PETITION DRIVE FOR REGIONAL AIRPORT AT HOMESTEAD AIR FORCE BASE

I am in favor of a commercial airport at the former Homestead Air Force Base because it will create 38,000 jobs and over \$1 billion in earnings for Miami-Dade County. Our community needs a reliever airport. The most recent environmental study released by the Air Force and the Federal Aviation Administration confirms that an airport is needed, that Homestead is the only feasible site, and that the airport will not harm the environment.

Petition: 1,089 signatures

## Protect our national parks!

No Commercial Airport at Homestead ARB We the undersigned urge the United States Air Force to abandon a commercial airport at Homestead Air Reserve Base and implore you to consider alternative proposals without harming our quality of life and our national parks.

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Petition: 2,466 signatures

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# **Petition**

| Yes, I want to stop a proposed Commercial Airport in Homestead.  **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND LEGIBLY.** |  |  |  |                                       |
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Petition: 146 signatures

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