



Gabreski Rescue Initiative Partnership

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A SPECIAL MESSAGE TO OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS:

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SH Town Supervisor Skip Heaney
Senator Charles E. Schumer
Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton
SC Executive Steve Levy
NYS Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele Jr.
WHB Mayor Robert Strebel

I want to express my concern about the possible closing of the 106th Air National Guard base stationed at Gabreski Airport in Westhampton. I understand that the Department Of Defense is conducting an audit that may result in the loss of the 106th from our community. The importance of keeping this strategically important military unit here cannot be over stressed.

Their military function is critical to all branches of the armed services and the highly trained pararescue teams are ready at a moments notice. Their services are extremely important to our maritime and residential communities. This is highlighted by the almost 300 saves the 106th has successfully conducted along with their assistance with fighting wildfires, responding to the disaster of Flight 800 and the terror of September 11, 2001. The 106th is an essential component to the stability of our security, safety and economy.

Please do whatever is in your power to retain the 106th ANG at Gabreski Airport. The security and well being of our local communities, Suffolk County and of all of New York cannot and should not be compromised.

Sincerely,

(Signed) \_\_\_\_\_

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