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Think tank officials urge new BRAC round, <u>via</u> your Morning D correspondent: "A bipartisan group of leading think-tank officials today is urging the Senate and House Armed Services Committees to support a new round of base closures.

"The <u>letter</u>, organized by the Cato Institute's Christopher Preble and obtained by POLTICO, aims to rebut the concerns of lawmakers who oppose BRAC — specifically that it hurts surrounding communities and costs too much to implement...

"BRAC has proven to be a fair and efficient process for making the difficult but necessary decisions related to the configuration of our military's infrastructure," the officials say. "In the absence of a BRAC, defense communities are hurting."