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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Members of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: The Naval Postgraduate School and Defense Language Institute and
the Monterey Bay Education and Research Crescent

Dear Chairman Principi and Members of the Commission:

As Chancellor of the University of California, Santa Cruz, I am writing to urge the Commission to give strong consideration to keeping the Naval Postgraduate School (NPS) and the Defense Language Institute (DLI) in Monterey. The concept of consolidation holds great promise for cost and programmatic efficiencies; however, I'm more interested in the final location than the overall management structure.

The Monterey Bay Crescent is home to over 20 institutions of higher education and research. These institutions, both public and private, represent a unique combination of talent that has both relied on and has contributed to the excellence and effectiveness of the NPS and the DLI. The unique intellectual capacity of this region with complimentary missions creates a synergy that would be impossible to reproduce in any other location.

World class institutions such as Stanford University, the California State University system, and the University of California have all invested heavily in campuses and research centers located along the shores of the Monterey Bay. The region also boasts extensive investment by David Packard's Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute (MBARI), the United States Geological Survey (USGS) and numerous National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) facilities and programs.

You know already of Monterey's excellence as a world center for language instruction and its profile as the language capital of the world. You may not know that the talents of this region span many disciplines from deep-sea technologies, to deep space inquiry, in addition to our foreign language and policy training capabilities. Common across these many institutions is an excellence of instruction and rigorous research.



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Dear Chairman Principi:

I have enclosed a number of pieces of correspondence that I have received from my constituents regarding the Department of Defense's recommendations to your Commission.

I ask that you review and give the utmost attention to my constituents' concerns. Thank you.

With aloha,

ED CASE
 United States Congressman
 Hawaii, Second District