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The Honorable Anthony Principi
Chairman, Defense Base Closure and Realignment Committee
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi,

I am writing again about the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey. There is one important aspect of activity at the school that I believe has not received attention by your commission as yet. That aspect is the significant and growing support to the school provided by the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation, Inc. I am proud to have been the President of the foundation for the past eight years.

The NPS Foundation was established in 1971 and has since provided direct support to the school in several ways. We raise funds for the school's most urgent needs in areas that the Navy's budget can't cover or where existing budget authority is inadequate. These areas include recognition for academic achievement, teaching excellence, conference support, library support, equipment and software, classroom upgrades, alumni support, student programs, professorships, special events and research support. We are on track this year to provide over a million dollars worth of support to NPS.

Our other efforts include promotion of the school to audiences across the nation. NPS is not well known outside the local area, yet it is a great school with a world-class faculty that makes significant contributions to present and future national security every day. We also help establish links between NPS and industry. This linkage has produced many benefits for both NPS and industry, particularly in the research area.

We have developed a wide network of friends of the school, both individuals and corporations. That network is growing, but I must admit that our progress in fundraising has been affected by the uncertainty associated with the BRAC process. One of our donors, who pledged \$5,000.00 a year for the next five years, has made it clear that his pledge will be null and void if NPS is realigned, moved, or privatized. That sentiment is widespread. Our major donors embrace the mission and accomplishments of NPS. That loyalty is not easily transferred to a consolidated school under OSD.

I recognize that the concerns of a relatively small foundation are not a major factor in your BRAC deliberations. Nevertheless, we are making a significant contribution to NPS and we are poised to expand our efforts on behalf of NPS in the future.

Sincerely,

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Admiral, U.S. Navy (ret)

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