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Thank you for your site visit to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and your attendance at the hearing in Boston. I also want to thank you for your kind words about our shipyard at the July 18th hearing. It meant a lot.

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Sincerely,
Amy Burley

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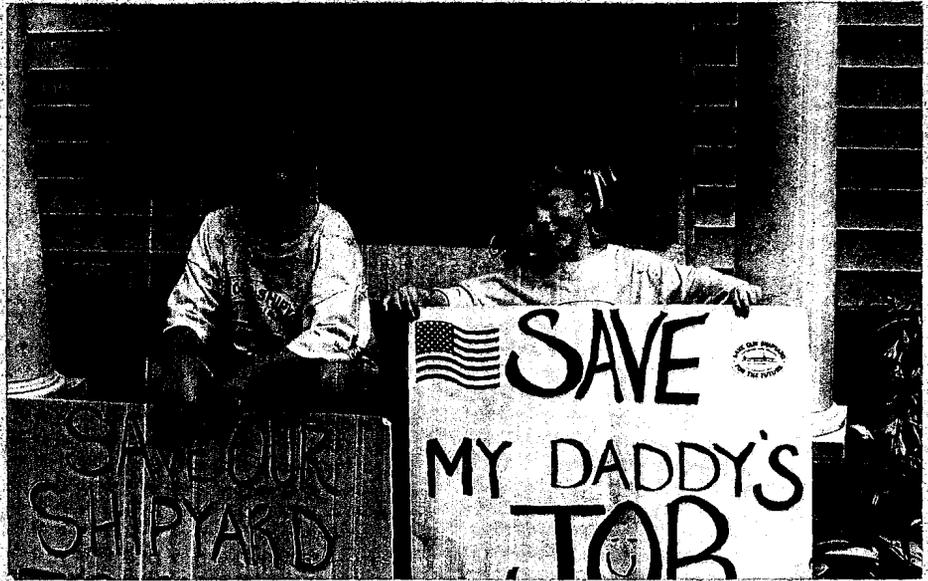
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BRAC Commission

AUG 11 2005

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The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Commissioner Skinner;

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Another concern is the ability of any other shipyard to repair submarines with efficiency, on time and on budget. It doesn't seem to make since to close the most efficient and cost effective base. Especially considering the relatively small amount of money they plan to save over a span of 20 years (get out of Iraq if you want to save money).

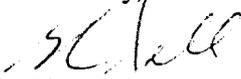
I served my country for ten years in the United States Navy, so I have been on the receiving end of ships coming out of dry docks. I served my last three years, in the Navy, here at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. And I fond it a very rewarding place to work. After leaving the Navy, I soon started working on the yard, as a civilian, to continue serving my country, that I love so. Since working at the shipyard I've had the chance to also work at Norfolk Naval shipyard. I can honestly tell you that the work ethics there are far below average. The men and woman that I worked with in Norfolk have no pride in the work that they do. They have the belief that they will never close, no matter how bad a job they do, just because of the size and placement of the base. They feel their job will always be there. "Don't do today what can be put off until tomorrow."

If the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard closes, not only will more than 4,000 men and women be loosing their jobs, but the surrounding communities will also feel the affect, in a loss of income, less tax revenues and an over abundance of qualified workers. As for my self, I will not transfer myself or my family to another Shipyard that does not take pride in the work that they do. We have roots in this area, moving away is not an option. Family is very important to me, I spent 10 years away from them and I will not do it again.

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Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Monday August 10th, 2005

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"SAVE THE SHIPYARD"

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How important is this? Defense wise we need the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. If the bombings in London and Egypt, are any indication. I don't know what is, I know still refuel at the P.E.S.F. and we have the Seabrook Nuclear Plant on the coast too. How vulnerable is this? If the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard closes: "We will be left, helpless in the Open Sea" Defense is key!

Reputation, longevity and history and an extremely good work record with government records. I myself have family history at the Shipyard. Generations ago on my mother's side her father, my great-grandfather Werner and my uncle Werner worked at the Shipyard as electricians. We have been able to trace family history back as far back as the Civil War, so I'm sure I'll find I'll have more relatives that work at the Shipyard also.

I supported the Shipyard Fund throughout the 90's and I support the Shipyard now! The Shipyard is also a vital part of our N.H. Economy. It would cost more to dismantle the shipyard than it would to keep it open. Jobs would be lost, house prices would plummet, which right now; housing is a profitable market here on the seacoast. The ripple effect of closing the base would be devastating to the N.H. and Maine seacoast economies.

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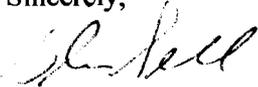
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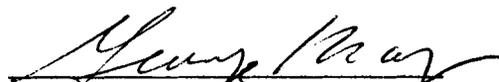
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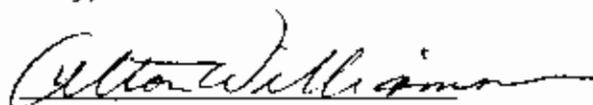
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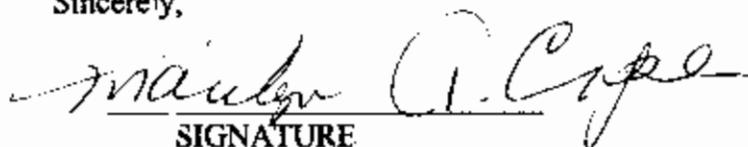
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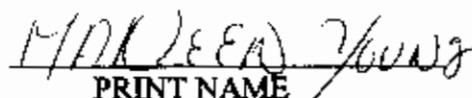
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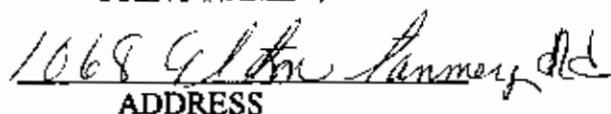
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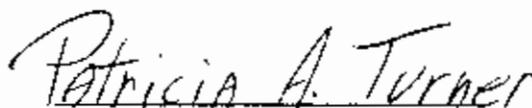
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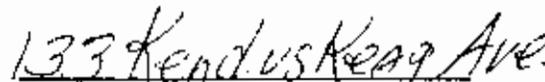
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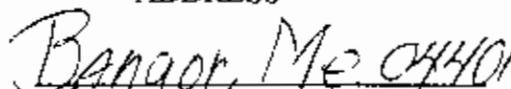
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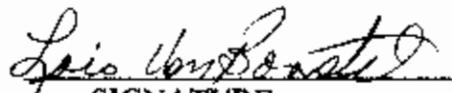
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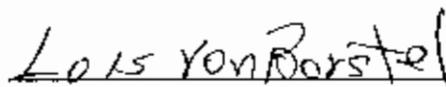
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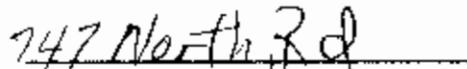
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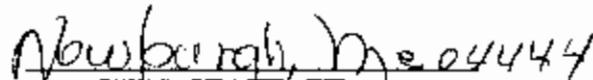
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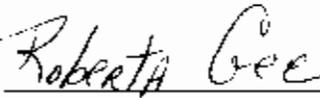
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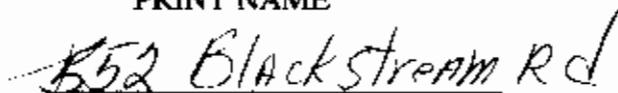
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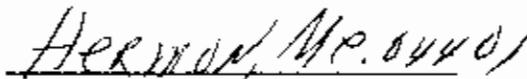
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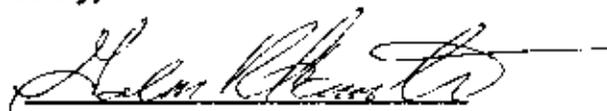
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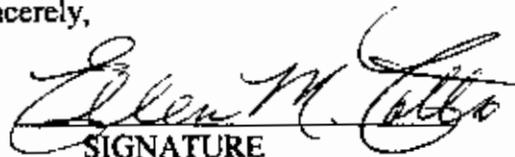
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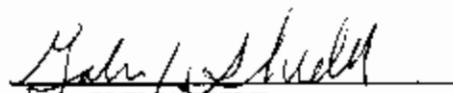
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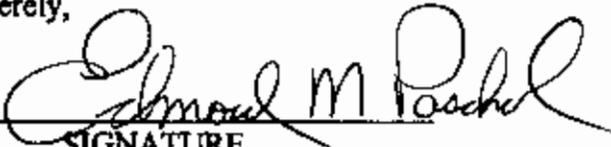
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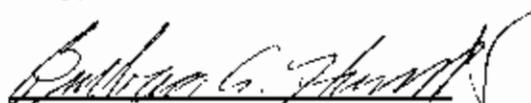
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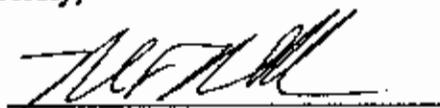
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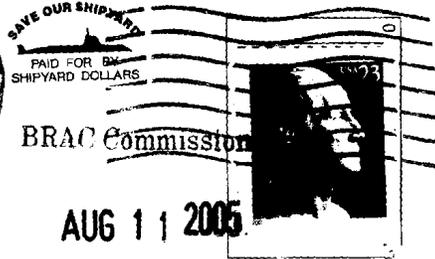
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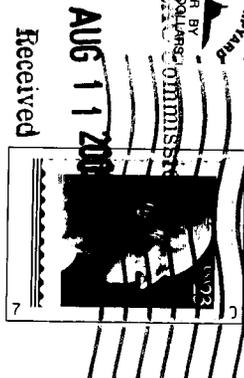
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Dear Sir,

The base closures for Maine which were requested by the military make no sense to me. Millions of tax dollars (including mine) have been spent to improve the runways and provide up-to-date hangar space at the Naval Air Station in Brunswick; I understand that NASB is the only airfield in the nation which is ready for the next generation of aircraft. ***It is incomprehensible to me that we would even consider closing such a unique facility!*** It is even more irrational to consider throwing away the extensive investment, just made, which created it. Do we move the P-3s to Jacksonville and then duplicate in Jacksonville, for more millions, the upgrading of infrastructure which now exists in Brunswick???. ***How can that save money??*** In addition, the strategic location of Brunswick does not exist in Florida or anywhere else. Closing, or even downsizing, NAS Brunswick would negatively impact the ability of the United States to respond to threats in the Northeast, by terrorists or others, and to protect the North Atlantic Ocean. ***Clearly, this is a base which is valuable both for its strategic location and its unique facilities.*** Closing it makes no sense, from a perspective of either homeland security or of cost saving. It should stay open and fully operational!

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery seems another strange choice for closure. How can the military gain cost savings by closing the shipyard which delivers the best repairs in the shortest time for the least cost???. Portsmouth was just ***highly commended*** for its quality of work and its efficiency. The shipyard workers have been extensively trained to work on nuclear submarines; it does not seem likely that such a trained and efficient group of workers will be found elsewhere!

And then there is the Defense Finance and Accounting Center in Limestone. More tax dollars were spent to create this facility, in the very recent past. This Center has also been commended as a top performer, doing its work very efficiently. ***Closing down the best, most efficient facilities does not appear to be a way of cutting costs.***

The Accounting Center was created, at least in part, because of the economic impact on the area of the closing of the Limestone Air Force Base. Closing it now would be worse than not building it; on top of the jobs which would no longer exist is the investment which would be thrown away. Maine is not now more prosperous than it was when the Limestone Center was built. The state still needs those jobs! ***Closure of these three facilities would be devastating to the Maine economy.*** Closure of even one would be a huge blow to the state. ***Please remove them from the Closure List.***

Sincerely,



Barbara B. Clark

Deborah Regel
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August 2, 2005

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner, USAF (Ret)
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Re: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Dear Brigadier General Turner,

I am writing to ask that you, as a member of the BRAC Commission, vote to remove the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the Base Closure List.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard provides superior performance to the Department of Defense and the citizens of the United States of America through the Shipyards' demonstrated ability to perform high quality work ahead of schedule and under budget. The Navy has recognized the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard multiple times for its excellent performance. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's superior performance saves taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars.

To close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and further reduce our nation's public shipyards would not be in the best interest of our nation's defense. Closing Portsmouth leaves only one remaining nuclear capable shipyard on the east coast. What happens in the event that Norfolk Naval Shipyard is damaged as a result of combat, terrorism or natural disaster?

Both Russia and China are in the process of expanding their submarine fleets. Why would the United States choose to jeopardize our submarine fleet by closing the best performing shipyard in our nation?

Closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard does not make strategic or economic sense for our country. Please vote to remove the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the Base Closure List and allow the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to continue serving our country with the best and most cost effective work available.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Linda G. Fleckenstein
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I am writing this letter to express my concern, and feelings about the possible closing of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

I will try to make this letter brief, however there are some points I do need to make.

I currently work at the shipyard and plan to retire if the yard were to close. I have no family members working at the yard; however it deeply saddens me to think of the yard closing. I feel that the infrastructure that made our country strong will have been severely weakened. I am not only talking about the yard itself, but the talented, dedicated people who work there.

After my discharge from the military, and then college I went to work for some large corporations; nowhere did I see the level of skills and dedication that I have seen at the yard. I applied for, and graduated from the apprentice program as a shop 31 machinist.

The day that I graduated was one of the proudest days of my life. I then had the privilege to work under some of the best, and most dedicated machinists in the trade; I was assigned to the shaft section of shop 31. Machining a propeller shaft weighing 40 tons and over 60 feet long, to a tolerance of .002 requires years of experience. Most of the old timers have since retired but their knowledge and skills are still at the yard today, I owe them a lot, I think we all do! This is an asset which should not be lost.

One last comment; last August Northfork Naval shipyard sent a team to Portsmouth to see how we do our shafts. We told them we can do any shaft the Navy has to offer, and gave them information on machining various shafts. In October I was at a shafting conference in Bremerton Washington; everyone was there both public and private yards, all were amazed by the quality of our work and the efficiency which it is done.

Please preserve this asset and remove Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the list of facilities to be closed.

Three fourths of our planet is covered with water; our submarine fleet is needed to patrol the oceans of the world and to protect us from future threats in coming years.

Sincerely, Kevin G. Dyer

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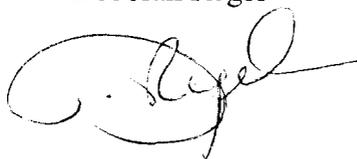
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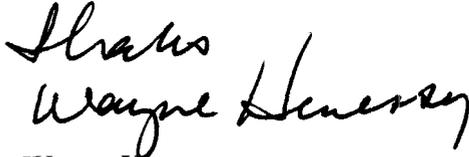
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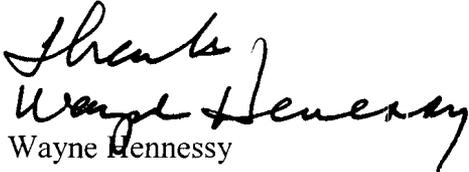
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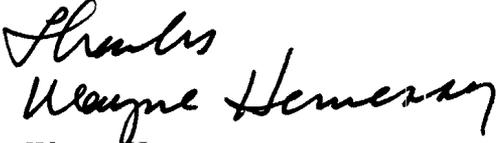
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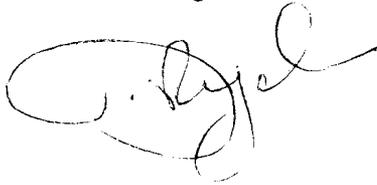
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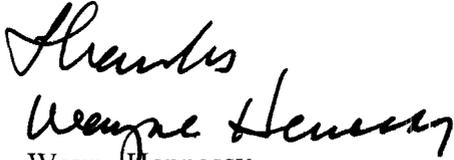
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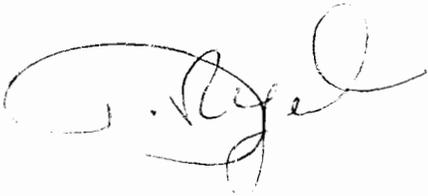
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