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To Base Commission Members:

Please make sure to vote  
to remove the Portsmouth Naval  
Shipyard from the Defense Department  
closure list.

It's vitally important to the  
State of Maine that the base be

~~BRAC~~ <sup>BRAC</sup> ~~Commission~~ <sup>open.</sup>

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Thank you,

Pauline M. Curran  
Biddeford, Me.

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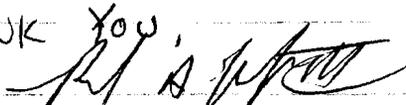
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OF YOU KNOW THAT MOST OF  
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Dear BRAC Commissioners:

I am writing this letter in the hopes as are many of my co-workers to hopefully pursue and convince you that the Portsmouth Shipyard is worth saving. As a 20 yr Naval Veteran, I see the closing as a step in the wrong direction, opening a large portion of the North East to a state of NO MILITARY presence at all. I was a Recruiter while on active duty and recruiting in an area with little to no active military presence is unsurmountable task. Kids will emulate who they see.

Why should the Shipyard stay open:

- At present workload levels the 3 remaining shipyards CAN NOT handle the upcoming work load.
- If overflow workload was diverted to private shipyards the large increase in cost and time before completion would remove any advantage easily.
- We complete any and all projects under cost and either on time or early.
- We presently support all three of the other shipyards and the two private shipyard.

Hopefully, given the Facts and Figures

and the extremely strong close knit  
working family we have here at PMS  
you will reverse the decision to close us

Sincerely

J. A. Cook

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Dear Commissioner Turner,

July 25, 2005

Thank you for saying you'll take a look at Portsmouth on Tues. July 26<sup>th</sup>.

I think it is important to keep all the shipyards open. I am concerned about China, Korea and so.

I also want to thank you for being on the Commission because it has to be a very difficult job.

Yours truly,

Josephine James and family

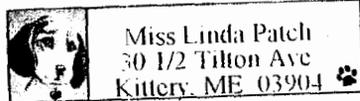
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DEAR MR. SKINNER,

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I AM writing to you ASKING  
(ACTUALLY begging) For your  
help to keep the "Portsmouth  
NAVAL Shipyard" open. I'm very  
concerned that too many bases  
in the North East are going to  
be closed. MAINE has been hit  
extremely hard. We ARE not a  
wealthy state - but we have  
very dedicated hard working  
people. This Shipyard is the  
most efficient and reliable  
of all. IN ALL fairness, I believe  
this should be the last base to  
close. please, help to keep  
Portsmouth open. TAKE CARE, &



Thank you,  
Linda Patch

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7/23/05

Do whom it may concern -  
I ample it must be to put  
in the island making toward  
I believe with all the comforts  
of home.

The Portsmouth Navy that  
is needed here for many  
reasons. It is the most equipped  
and has the most skilled  
lower (the ships & crews) in the  
U.S. And when the army  
returns to see places they  
will need for security and  
a proper government. We  
knows when the eastern  
shore will be attacked.  
we are not able to keeping

The enemy from invading  
our shores. We will see  
how they can plan to  
help with begin to see  
they need ships.

Please do not be so narrow  
minded. You are asking  
for another full Fleet  
and that is not possible.  
We do not have sufficient  
resources to do that. We  
need to see the enemy. Who  
is the enemy? Do you know?  
We do not have ships  
we have this in space  
hardly & radio bands.  
Peace  
Vladimir

RE: PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD

PLEASE SAVE OUR SHIPYARD  
FROM CLOSURE.

BRAC Commission

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Mr. John <sup>Received</sup> Handrickson

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Mr. John Handrickson

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PLEASE READ THIS!

BRAC - Commission

Portsmouth Naval

Shipyard not only does the best submarine repairs & overhaul work in less time, but saves taxpayers millions. The Navy has acknowledged it does. It makes no economic sense to close Portsmouth.

Mrs. Judy Johnson



Joe & Judy Johnson  
111 Eagle Drive  
Rochester, NH 03868-7046

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DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE  
& REALIGNMENT Comm. <sup>Suite #</sup>  
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Arlington, Virginia  
22202

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DEAR BRAC COMMISSION:

JUL 27 2005

PLEASE DON'T CLOSE THE PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD, BECAUSE IT <sup>Received</sup> IS SUCH A GOOD ENVIRONMENT FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WORK THERE. I HAVE A FRIEND WHO WORKS THERE AND I DON'T WANT HIM TO LOSE HIS JOB.

THANK YOU

SINCERELY YOURS,

ALICIA DUCHETTE

*Alicia Duchette*

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24 July 2005

BRAC Commission

Dear Commissioner Gehman,

I am writing on behalf of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in regards to the recommendation for closure of this outstanding facility. I have worked at PNS for over 12 years and believe the closure of this facility would be an irreversible mistake at the expense of the American people. No doubt you have heard PNS is the leader in Cost, Quality, Schedule and Safety among all shipyards.

Simply put, none of the other shipyards perform at the level we do at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Presently the other shipyards are utilizing the expertise of borrowed PNS personnel to optimize their performance. Closure will put the other shipyards in at unmanageable work levels and risk the safety of the American people. Cost is not solely monetary.

Another issue to consider in the BRAC process is the fact that closing PNS would further isolate the entire northeastern region from the rest of the country. No military presence in a vast section of the country is not acceptable for the safety and well being of its people.

There are many factors to consider in the BRAC process, however closure of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard does not make sense logically, financially, or militarily.

Thank You for your time,



J.E. Todd

Proud PNS Employee

DEAR BRAC COMMISSION:

JUL 27 2005

I HAVE BEEN WORKING AT THE PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD FOR 22 YEARS. I  
CANNOT UNDERSTAND WHY PORTSMOUTH HAS BEEN PUT ON THE RECOMMENDED LIST  
FOR CLOSURE LIST. I THINK WE HAVE PROVEN WE ARE THE BEST SHIPYARD AROUND:  
BOTH IN KEEPING OUR WORK ON SCHEDULE OR EARLIER, AND ON COST, OR BELOW  
COST.

I QUESTION WHY THE NAVY WOULD WANT TO CLOSE 1 OF THE 4 SHIPYARD  
REMAINING, I BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE MAKING A GREAT MISTAKE FOR OUR COUNTRY,  
I AM NOT SAYING THIS BECAUSE I AM AFRAID TO LOSE MY JOB. BACK IN 1995 WHEN WE  
HAD A REDUCTION IN FORCE, I DID LOSE MY JOB, AND I STARTED MY OWN BUSINESS, I  
CAME BACK TO THE SHIPYARD IN 1999, I WAS TOLD TOLD WE HAD PLENTY OF WORK FOR  
A LONG TIME, THEY TOLD ME I HAD A 99% CHANCE OF WORKING THERE UNTIL I  
RETIRED.

I HAVE WORKED VERY HARD WITH THE REST OF THE SHIPYARD EMPLOYEES HERE TO  
ACCOMPLISH THAT WE GET OUR SUBMARINES DONE ON TIME. IT'S AS THOUGH WE ARE  
BEING PUNISHED FOR THAT. I HAVE TRAVELED TO OTHER BASES TO HELP SOLVE  
PROBLEMS WITH PUMPS ABOARD SUBMARINES, WHEN OTHERS COULD NOT FIX THE  
PROBLEMS. WITH THE PORTSMOUTH TEAM THERE, WE SOLVE EVERY PROBLEM WE  
ENCOUNTERED.

I DIDN'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT SUBMARINES WHEN I STARTED WORKING HERE AT THE  
SHIPYARD. BUT THE KNOWLEDGE WAS HANDED DOWN TO ME, AND THE EXPERIENCE I  
GAINED. I WENT THROUGH THE APPRENTICE PROGRAM AS A MACHINIST, AND THEN  
WORKED IN THE PUMP SECTION. OVERHAULING AND REPAIRING PUMPS. I CONSIDER  
MYSELF AN EXPERT ON PUMPS, I HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THEM FOR THE LAST 18  
YEARS. I THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO GIVE THE SHIPYARD WHO DOES THE BEST, ALL  
THE WORK THAT HAS TO BE DONE

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO READ MY LETTER.

PAUL VENO



E.B. Leland  
14 Water Street  
Kittery, ME 03904

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Ref: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Dear Commissioner Bilbray,

Please think long and hard when considering the destiny of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

During the 26 years that I have been a member of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard family the overriding expectation has always been "do the job right at all costs". I applaud that doctrine. My sons or those of my friends and neighbors may be assigned to the ships we service. By any measure, we have proudly and consistently provided top quality work to the Navy.

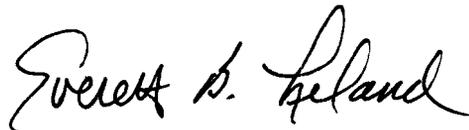
The cost associated with producing such quality is not an area that I am familiar with, but I do know that when the bill for a repair to my car or home comes in at less than is budgeted, I'm a lot happier than when it is over.

One thing I am familiar with is fact that the management/union relationship is not adversarial as is seen elsewhere. The result is improved efficiency that directly relates to the overhaul schedule.

**On time (or early) delivery of a quality product that costs less. How is that not of military value?**

Please consider this during your deliberations.

Sincerely,

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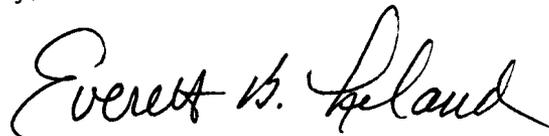
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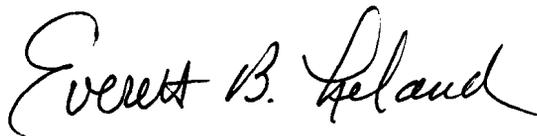
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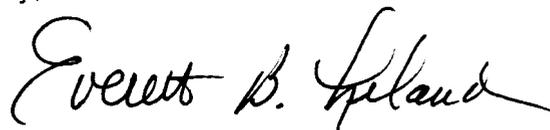
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Brig. Gen. Sue E. Turner  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, Virginia, 22202

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Dear Brig. Gen. Turner,

I am deeply concerned with regards to effectiveness of the Navy to do without it's top submarine repair facility if The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard remains on the closure list and is closed with this round of closures. From all that is written and discussed given the number of submarines currently operating the Navy cannot do without any yards for overhaul and repair. There is not enough space, quality manpower or time among the other yards to pick up the slack if the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is closed. There is not excess capacity among the public shipyards for the Navy. The Navy cannot do it's job effectively without Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Unless, not being able to service the number of subs at the remaining yards is the Navy's way to reduce the submarine fleet by the "back door" so to speak instead of through the normal channels. The Navy needs Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It has proven itself as you know to be the fastest and most cost effective facility in the country. The Navy has acknowledged the achievements of Portsmouth with numerous awards for the efficient, effective, and expertise of the workforce at the yard. It makes no sense to close the most economic yard. As a taxpayer I appreciate that fact and am proud to have a son in law who is responsible for saving millions of tax dollars. They are well spent at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Speaking of my son in law, you can be sure the Navy will lose one top notch nuclear welding inspector along with countless other expert craftsmen if the yard closes. With 200 years of families tied to the area, with generation after generation working at the yard, civilians value family first unlike the military, a base closes you move on to the next base, the civilians won't go to the other yards. They are already looking for other positions, reeducation options, and areas where they can modify their skills to stay right here at home. The other yards won't stand a chance with added work and the loss of skilled, experienced craftsmen to get the extra jobs done, putting the Navy at risk with fewer subs available. There is that "back door" again. Doesn't make me sleep safe and secure. The Navy does not have excess capacity among the public shipyards. I ask you to support removing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the closure List.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sue Ann Doyle



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89 Deer Hill Road  
Brentwood, NH 03833  
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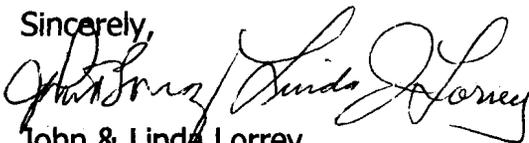
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Another issue to consider in the BRAC process is the fact that closing PNS would further isolate the entire northeastern region from the rest of the country. No military presence in a vast section of the country is not acceptable for the safety and well being of its people.

There are many factors to consider in the BRAC process, however closure of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard does not make sense logically, financially, or militarily.

Thank You for your time,



J.E. Todd

Proud PNS Employee

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25 Jul 2005

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Honorable Commissioner

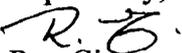
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Please keep this point in mind when you make your final decision. To ignore it would be highly irresponsible.

Very respectfully,

  
CDR Roy Gianascol, USN (Retired)

21 July 2005

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The Honorable James V. Hansen

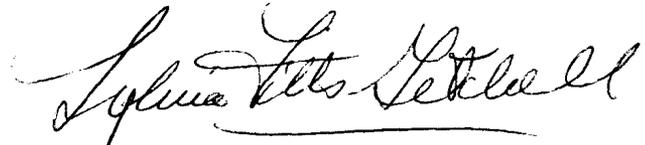
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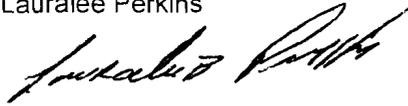
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BRAC Commission  
7-22-05

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We need Portsmouth Naval Shipyard!! Four public Shipyards is not too many. Don't close the "Best Shipyard in the WORLD" Don't rely on the private sector, you cannot control them!!! Don't put all our eggs in one basket again!!

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PAUL O. BLANCHETTE  
Concerned Citizen

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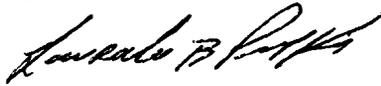
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BRAC Commission

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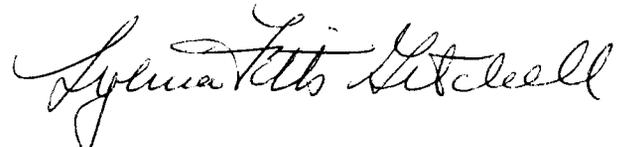
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Edward & Lois Matheson  
3 Jana Lane  
Stratham, NH 03885

BRAC Commission

July 22, 2005

JUL 27 2005

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Dear Adm. Harold W. Gehman, Jr.,

I am writing to you on behalf of my husband Edward, my son-in-law Danny and my stepdaughter Debbie. All three family members are actively employed on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard each working in a different section of the nuclear submarine base. I am a senior retail manager currently unemployed due to a reduction in force at my former specialty retail company Prints Plus.

My husband Ed has been employed at the Shipyard for almost 30 years, first as an apprentice, then as a structural engineer, and most recently as one of the yard's training directors. Ed loves to work and has been so proud of his own personal accomplishments and also of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's accomplishments as a team. Personal pride in achievement goes a long way in making a difference in overall performance, cost, quality, and safety at the Shipyard. Ed is one of many shipyard employees that aims to do his best and tries every day to make a difference.

I am writing to you to ask you to consider once more the value of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from a performance standpoint, a strategic military standpoint and a community standpoint. I attended the BRAC Commission hearings on July 7<sup>th</sup>. In Boston, MA and I noticed how seriously you watched and listened to all of the speakers as they presented their findings and testimony in regard to our shipyard. I am asking you to be objective and fair but also to consider the past history of the shipyard and it's achievements. What message does it send to an American working man, such as my husband Ed, to close a shipyard that has just been cited for 2 outstanding meritorious awards for excellence? How can exceptional performance not be taken into consideration? When being the "best" ceases to count, what incentive is left to an American working man to excel and to perform to the best of his ability?

I sincerely thank you for letting me express myself via this letter. We are optimistic that you will vote to take the Portsmouth Shipyard off of the BRAC closing list and our family can continue to support the shipyard and the local community.

Sincerely,



Lois Matheson

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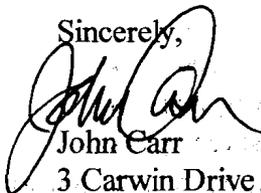
BRAC Commissioners,

As the BRAC Commission continues its deliberations, you must consider the reasons for not closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard located in Kittery, Maine. Please consider:

- There is no excess capacity among public shipyards for the Navy
- The Navy cannot do its work effectively without Portsmouth
- There is no reason to close a Navy shipyard while our Country is at war in Iraq and Afghanistan, leading to the possibility, if our Country is attacked, of having some of our submarine fleet left in a shipyard for maintenance because Portsmouth Shipyard had been closed.
- The Navy has acknowledged that Portsmouth does the best submarine repair and overhaul work
- Portsmouth saves the taxpayers \$\$millions.
- It makes no economic sense to close Portsmouth and spend \$\$millions of taxpayers money to make the shipyard environmentally acceptable before the shipyard can be used for private enterprise.

Thank you for your attention. I am sure that you will make the right decision and not close the Portsmouth/Kittery Shipyard.

Sincerely,



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York, Maine 03909

2 Grover Lane  
York, ME 03909  
22 July 2005

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Dear Commissioner Hill,

I am writing this letter to express my concern regarding the potential closure of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS). I am concerned for many reasons.

- It concerns me that it has taken subpoenas to force the Department of Defense (DoD) to release information.
- It concerns me that selected pieces of information were inadequately addressed in their evaluation process, such as that we are the most efficient shipyard in the nation and that we provide a significant amount of improvement initiatives that have led the other shipyards to gain efficiency. (There are many other examples of omitted information.)
- It concerns me that key influential speakers willing to speak on our behalf have been ordered to be silent.
- It concerns me that the DoD claims there is a large excess capacity, when we have struggled *as a corporation* to supply sufficient dry dock space and personnel resources to accomplish our mission.
- It concerns me most that the decision to close PNS will be irreversible and cause irreparable harm to our Nation.

The claims from the DoD have been ill founded and in some cases outright wrong. I am not willing to accept this as a taxpaying citizen of this Nation.

Had the DoD executed this mission properly, these concerns would not exist.

- No subpoenas would have been necessary. This would have been the open and transparent public process it is required to be. To this day, I am wholly confident that information is still being withheld.
- Had all pieces of information been properly assessed, we would be seen for what we are, a leading, driving force, responsible for innumerable efficiencies that have spread through *all four* Shipyards, irregardless of geographical location.
- Speakers would not be prevented from voicing the truth. The truth would coincide with the DoD supplied information. I also believe that both the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy would have readily testified before the commission when invited, rather than send surrogates.
- I have no doubts that the Ship's schedule, that we have yet to see from DoD, has errors in it as did their other information. We couldn't present the truth to the commission until we saw the misleading information you were provided. I expect we would find errors in the form of miss-naming availabilities thereby disguising their out of service times or by plain omissions. There is no significant excess capacity. If we close, there will not be enough capacity or skill to service our fleet.

- Our closure is utterly irreversible. Our workers will not just pick their lives and move to Norfolk or Bremerton or Honolulu. We are the best Shipyard in the Nation. We exist in New England and exert an influence that spans the country. If we close, nothing will be transportable, we will be gone. Our Nation will permanently lose the most knowledgeable and innovative workforce that exists.

Please take this into consideration when you vote to keep or close this vital National asset.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maura Annis".

Ms. Maura Annis

21 July 2005

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Brigadier General Sue E. Turner, USAF (Ret)

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Dear Commissioner Turner:

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Submarines play a very vital part in the defense of our nation. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has a long and noble record of service with an experienced and trained work force. The ready capacity of its dry-docks and personnel should not be discarded.

Sincerely,



Sylvia Fitts Getchell

51 No. Main St.  
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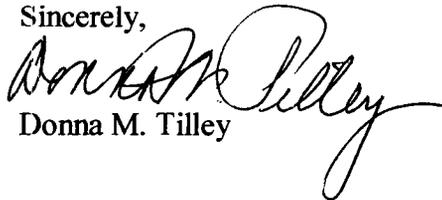
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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard was established in 1800. This base has been vital not only to the navy, but also to the community at large. That community is composed of citizens of Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine. Most of the workers at the base have a long history with the navy. Mothers, fathers, sisters, and brothers, not to mention grandmothers and grandmothers have worked at the base for our national security. This base has been essential, and will continue to be essential, to homeland security.

How can the BRAC Commission even consider closing a base which completes its assignments under budget, on time, with safety? As a taxpayer, as a concerned citizen, as an admirer of quality and excellence, I implore you not to close Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Thank you in advance of your consideration of my request.

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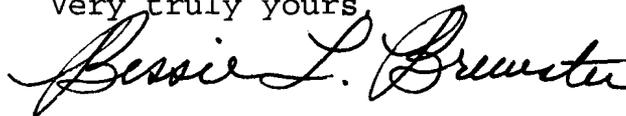
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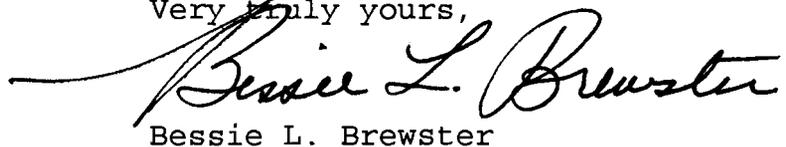
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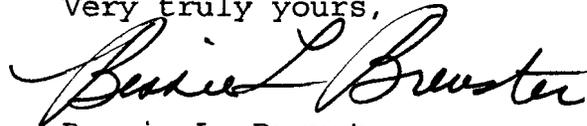
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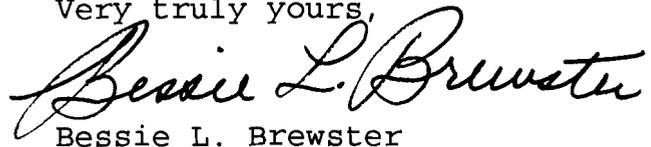
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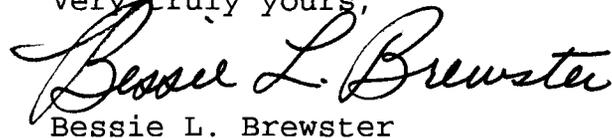
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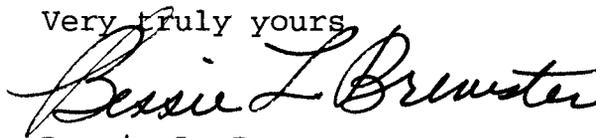
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President & Chief Executive Officer



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BRAC Commission  
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I see an efficient, innovative facility, consistently running under budget and on time, which represents the best of what we in the private sector should expect from our government. The capabilities of the seasoned, highly trained employees at the shipyard are second to none. We need them here in the Seacoast. It's a labor pool with unique skill sets, and it would be a shame to lose them. In addition to their contributions at the shipyard, they are our volunteer firefighters. They coach our youth sports teams. Their technical expertise percolates into our local businesses and industries.

Homeland security depends on an alert, engaged and knowledgeable citizenry throughout the country, especially on our coasts and borders. It also depends on strong local economies.

My 150-year-old, \$1.6-billion-dollar bank derives its livelihood from the area where the shipyard is located. More than half of our branch locations are in communities whose economic stability is derived from the dominant 4,800-employee engine known as the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Daily life in our communities would change dramatically if the shipyard were to close. The ripple effect would touch all of the local businesses, either directly or indirectly, and have a profound impact on municipal services, schools, churches, the housing stock, and the major sources of tax revenue for both Maine and New Hampshire.

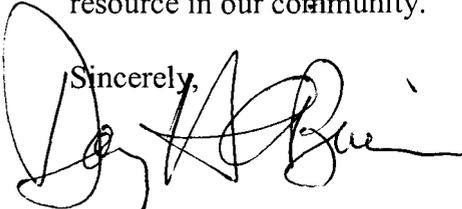
I lived and worked in a Massachusetts community after a major employer relocated to another area. The impact on the surrounding communities was immediate, deep and devastating to *all* sectors of the local economy. No one was immune. The local economy took decades to rebuild. I don't want this community to face that situation.

All of us understand that the decisions that need to come out of the BRAC process are difficult. I respectfully ask the members of the commission to weigh all the elements I have outlined as they make their decision. The local communities in Maine and New Hampshire appreciate what we have and strongly support the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for its economic and civic contributions over its long and distinguished history.

The bank I serve was founded in 1854 by farsighted ship captains and other local businessmen to service the financial needs of an area that derived much of its livelihood and an essential part of its identity from the sea. Today the nautical heritage is still strong. We're proud of the unique facility we have here in our shipyard. It's an integral part of the Seacoast communities.

I hope my message and points made by other citizens in New Hampshire and Maine will be taken into consideration by the commission. We ask you to please remove Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from your closure list and keep this vital national and local resource in our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Danny H. O'Brien', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Danny H. O'Brien  
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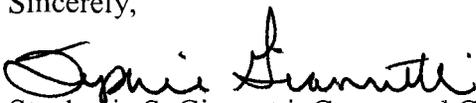
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All of us understand that the decisions that need to come out of the BRAC process are difficult. I respectfully ask the members of the commission to weigh all the elements I have outlined as they make their decision. The local communities in Maine and New Hampshire appreciate what we have and strongly support the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for its economic and civic contributions over its long and distinguished history.

I hope my message and those of all the citizens in New Hampshire and Maine will be taking into consideration by the commission. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Stephanie S. Giannetti, Concerned Citizen  
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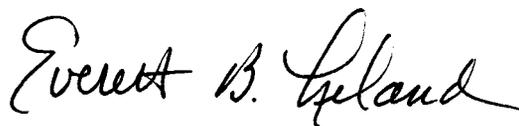
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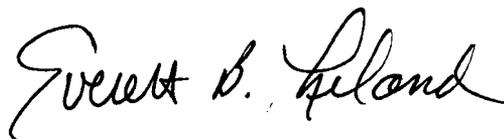
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PNS has functioned effectively and efficiently for several periods in the recent past with only 2 of our 3 dry docks occupied. On several occasions we have been called upon to take an unscheduled repair job because we had the space. Someone wrote recently on the BRAC website that once the docks at Pearl Harbor have a ship in them for some scheduled maintenance, it's like filling the dock with concrete. It no longer has any strategic value because it's unavailable. If the work load ever does slow down, as "THEY" say it will, maybe it would be a smart move strategically, to keep a dock available at Pearl where "THEY" say it's more likely to be needed on short notice. If that means reducing the work force to stay efficient, PNS, NNSY, and PSNSY could send help for any unplanned or emergent surge. When you think about it in that context, it makes the most sense both financially and strategically.

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Nearby Pease Air Force Base was closed 10 years ago and there are still areas there that have not been turned over to the community because the clean-up has not been completed. I fear that this island would be so hard to clean up that the facility may never be returned to the community. Pease made a pretty good financial recovery because the facility was ideally located and included hundreds of acres of land. PNS is not going to be as easy to market and therefore is unlikely to ever become anything but high priced condos. There's not much shipbuilding left in America.

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If, in the future, more excess capacity becomes available, it might be wise to idle one of those expensive "strategically located" dry docks at Pearl Harbor so it might actually be available when and if some strategic emergency occurs. PNS will continue to export the cost saving methods we have become known for.

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If there were enough dry dock space (and I think it's pretty clear that there isn't) at the other 3 shipyards to accept the work that won't be getting done here, there won't be enough trained workers to perform the work. Unless I misinterpret the data, when I read between the lines it actually looks like "THEY" are claiming that training costs at the other shipyards won't increase because they will be receiving trained workers from PNS.

PNS is a valuable asset and worth keeping. We can and will go anywhere and fix anything, and do on a regular basis. We don't just fix submarines because it's all we know how to do. It's the hardest kind of work and the Navy would rather have us spend our time doing it and leave the easy stuff to someone else.

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V/R

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Old submarines may be replaced with new but that brings new technology and new problems. "Never need refueling" Lets see what they decide when those Virginia class subs are twenty years old and still fit to fight except for fuel. No one is better suited to solve those unforeseen problems than PNS.

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July 24, 2004

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Sincerely,

  
John & Linda Lorrey  
Kittery Point, Maine

24 July 2005

BRAC Commission

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BRAC Commission

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Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Respectfully,



Virginia L. Hatch  
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July 24, 2005

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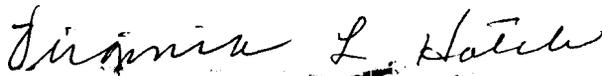
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July 23, 2005

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Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

JUL 27 2005

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Dear Chairman Principi,

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As you have heard several times, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard excels in cost and schedule as well as innovation, quality and safety. It is in the best interest of the Navy, the Department of Defense and every American to keep this shipyard open to support the submarine fleet of the future. Closing the yard will not save money but will cost taxpayers millions of dollars in lost savings. If Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is closed, it will be virtually impossible to reopen, replace or duplicate this facility.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard can refurbish, upgrade and return a submarine to the fleet in far fewer months and for billions of dollars less than it takes to build a new submarine. It only makes sense to keep the most efficient, innovative and best shipyard in the world open.

Sincerely,

  
Ruth M. Lanham

  
William E. Lanham

July 20, 2005

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC)  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

BRAC Commission

JUL 27 2005

Dear Members of BRAC:

Received

I am writing this letter in support of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Your time available to read letter this is short and rest assured, greatly appreciated and very important to many, so I will be brief and to the point.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the leader in keeping America's Submarine Force modern, safe and actively protecting America's freedom. America cannot afford to lose any form leadership, especially leadership of this magnitude. The FACTS that have been presented to The Commission prove that these statements cannot be disputed. Therefore, from this standpoint alone, the obvious RIGHT decision is to remove Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the DOD BRAC list of facilities slated for closure.

Someone once said to me, "It is much easier to make the RIGHT decision, rather than to make the wrong decision and suffer the consequences later". The Commission must make the RIGHT decision now, to secure our country's future.

If the facts presented to you, or your personal observation of our facility, Shipyard employees, political delegates and our local community's passionate outcry, or the lack of response and reasoning from the DoD and Navy leadership are not enough to convince you to make the RIGHT decision, then let your conscience be your vote. Separate yourselves from the politics and influence that prevent you from making the RIGHT decision and vote your conscience.

Very truly yours,



Don J. Coupal Jr.

Welding/NDT Engineering (Code 138.1)  
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, Maine

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July 25, 2005

Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman  
Defense Base Closure + Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
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BRAC Commission

JUL 27 2005

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Dear Chairman Principi:

I am deeply concerned about the future of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It is a facility accomplishing work that is vital to the security of our nation. Also, closing the shipyard would have a devastating effect on the economy of this region.

This shipyard has been a vital part of our heritage for over 200 years. Please do everything you can to keep this base open.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mary C. Rask.

The Honorable Samuel Skinner  
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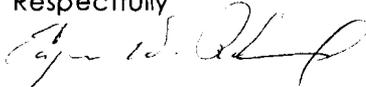
In my opinion, there should not be a BRAC at this time when the military is stressed because of the situation in the middle east. I think that it is imprudent to accomplish wholesale reorganization of the military when we are in the middle of a war. I do not believe that acting on the BRAC list accomplishes what the military needs at this point in time. I do not agree with the Secretary of Defense that we should send our sons and daughters in harms way with what they **have** in lieu of what they **want**. I believe that they should be provided with what they **need**. I do not believe that a soldier or marine should have to scrounge for material in an Iraqi junk yard to try to make his vehicle safer. I do not believe a sailor or airman should have to be concerned whether the maintenance on his ship or airplane was accomplished by a reliable organization.

I do not believe that the Secretary of Defense looks beyond the bridge of his nose when considering the welfare of common military people and their officers. The weapons of mass destruction were products of his imagination in lieu of his vision. I do not believe that the Secretary of Defense was anything but nearsighted when he established manpower requirements for the occupation of Iraq and Afghanistan. I do not believe that the Secretary of Defense would recognize a priority if he tripped over one.

The BRAC list is intended to be based on the future needs of the military for the type of operations that are envisioned. The past performance of the Secretary of Defense in envisioning anything, indicates that this BRAC function will not improve the operations that are ongoing and will unlikely support those of the future. I do not know what his agenda is and I don't care. I do not have confidence that the Secretary of Defense is sensitive to the needs of the military or inclined to assess their situations or resolve their problems. I would be relieved to see the BRAC list discarded.

Thank you for reading this. I hope that you and your colleagues will consider the fate of not only the individual military installations, but the disposition of the entire BRAC list.

Respectfully



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Rochester, NH 03868-7097

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BRAC Commission

**JUL 27 2005**

Dear Commissioner Coyle,

Received

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Seacoast Shipyard Association and it is no surprise that I am asking you to vote to overturn the Department of Defense's recommendation to close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

You have received thousands of words on this subject. I will not rehash them.

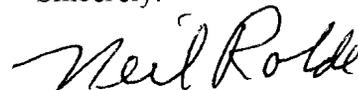
To me, the most cogent argument was made by Admiral William Klemm, whose testimony your Commission was not allowed to hear directly on July 7.

Simply put, he daid that if you close Portsmouth, there will be "a reduction in the size of the SSN Fleet through a backlog on maintenance actions over the next five years."

That added cost has not been figured in because the DOD refuses to admit there is no excess maintenance capacity for nuclear submarines. Portsmouth is absolutely essential in keeping our submarine fleet at sea. The spectacle of immobile nuclear submarines having to wait because the drydocks and expert workers at Portsmouth no longer are available is a horrific thought and I say this as an American citizen worried for my country's future. My own personal future has nothing to do with the shipyard. Not a penny of my income depends on it.

Please consider Admiral Klemm's experienced wisdom when you make your decision.

Sincerely,



Neil Rolde

July 20, 2005

Brigadier General Sue E. Turner, USAF(Ret)  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

BRAC Commission

JUL 27 2005

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Dear Commissioner Turner,

The Closing of the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard would have a devastating effect on both the Department of Defense as well as the surrounding communities.

1.) D.O.D. would suffer the loss of the best Shipyard in the Country. P.N.S.Y. is the leader in performance, cost, schedule, quality and safety. Closing the Shipyard would result in the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars associated with superior performance.

The fact that P.N.S.Y. is a licensed Naval Nuclear Facility is also of concern. Once a Naval Nuclear Facility is closed, it is virtually impossible to reverse, not to mention the loss of dry dock space and the cost of replacing them.

2.) The surrounding communities would be affected for a radius of over 100 miles. Not only the more than 4,000 Shipyard workers, but all the area merchants and businesses the Shipyard workers support.

Our region is already troubled and closing P.N.S.Y. would send our region in an economic tail spin. This is not in the best interest of our Country and not fair to the residents of New England.

We thank the Department of the Navy for recognizing us in the form of a medal, however we don't wish to be thanked by pinning a medal on our chest and being forgotten. We wish to be thanked by allowing us to continue performing the superior work we have become so well known for in the industry.



Thank You,

July 20, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J Principi  
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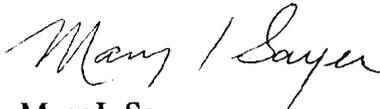
Dear Commission Members All:

I am appalled at the thought of the BRAC Commission recommending closings of any base during a period of war such as we now are involved in!

I do not think any military installations should be closed at this time but especially not the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It is the most efficient in performances such as cost, time of turn around, quality of workmanship. If this shipyard closes, it would be virtually impossible to reopen it.

We cannot gaze into a crystal ball to see the future but from all indications, it is not a peaceful world we will be facing. Therefore I think it foolhardy to consider any closings.

Most sincerely,



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Kittery Point, ME  
03905

BRAC Commission

JUL 27 2005

7-22-05

Received

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for taking an objective approach in your review of the PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD. As evidenced in the 7-19-05 BRAC hearings, you know something is wrong regarding the Navy's decision to close Portsmouth.

The Shipyard is an un-replaceable National asset necessary to keep the USA SAFE!! We are all aware of the phrase "Peace through Strength". Strength cost money, but strength is something we cannot afford to be without. Submarines play a vital role in safeguarding our nation. The war on terror is not the only game in town. We still have North Korea, China along with multiple unstable countries with nuclear capabilities. Our former enemies could once again become a threat to this nation. The world is more dangerous today than ever. With technological advancement the world becomes more dangerous every day. Once the first nuclear weapon is launched we must be ready to defend our selves. We need the Submarines, closing Portsmouth will weaken our nation rendering our nation more vulnerable at home and abroad.

Could the terrorist strike the Norfolk area with a dirty bomb, tactical nuclear weapon, or biological attack, essentially rendering Norfolk Naval Shipyard and Newport News Shipyard paralyzed for years?? If such an event occurred, do we have the **capacity** to maintain our fleet?? When the Terrorist attack again, they are looking for what they believe to be sensational, multiple attacks paralyzing significant American interests. Why not the heart of the Atlantic fleet!!

We need Portsmouth Naval Shipyard!! Four public Shipyards is not too many. Don't close the "Best Shipyard in the WORLD" Don't rely on the private sector, you cannot control them!!! Don't put all our eggs in one basket again!!

Thank you for your attention in this matter, **God Bless You** with your decisions.

Respectfully,



ROBIN. BLANCHETTE

Concerned Citizen

21 July 2005

BRAC Commission

JUL 27 2005

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General James T. Hill, USA (Ret)

Defense Base Closure and Relignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
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L. Forbes Getchell, D.D.S.

51 No. Main St.  
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25 Jul 2005

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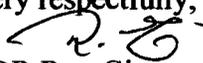
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On 6 Jul 05, I attended the BRAC Commission hearings at Boston, MA when arguments against closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery, ME were presented..

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Please keep this point in mind when you make your final decision. To ignore it would be highly irresponsible.

Very respectfully,

  
CDR Roy Gianascol, USN (Retired)

21 July 2005

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BRAC Commission

1 Gee Road  
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03904  
July 23, 2005

JUL 27 2005

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Attention: BRAC Commission

As a teacher in the Kittery/Eliot community for the past seventeen years, I have worked with many families associated with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I can attest to the pride these families have regarding their contributions to our country's national security efforts. The commendation these workers received from the Navy is well deserved. What is not deserved is this shipyard's proposed closure.

My students are reminded to base their conclusions and opinions on facts. The facts do not support this closure. If anything, now is the time to keep bases open rather than weaken our national security.

Sincerely,



Cathleen Gallo

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July 24, 2004

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The Department of Defense, for whatever reason, is leaving the entire Northeast virtually unguarded! We believe that this should also be considered when making the final list to be presented to President Bush.

Since May 13<sup>th</sup> when the BRAC list was released, we have been involved in our "Save Our Shipyard" campaign. It is our belief that you, the BRAC Commission, will do what is just and right for America and remove the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the BRAC list!!

Sincerely,

  
John & Linda Lorrey  
Kittery Point, Maine

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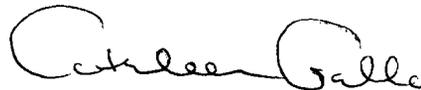
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E.B. Leland  
14 Water Street  
Kittery, ME 03904

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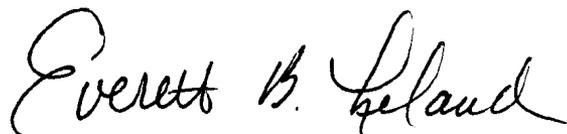
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One thing I am familiar with is fact that the management/union relationship is not adversarial as is seen elsewhere. The result is improved efficiency that directly relates to the overhaul schedule.

**On time (or early) delivery of a quality product that costs less. How is that not of military value?**

Please consider this during your deliberations.

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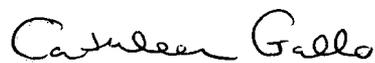
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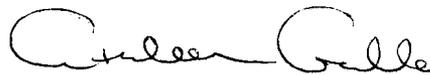
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L. Forbes Getchell, D.D.S.

51 No. Main St.  
Newmarket, NH 03857-1216

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Keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open and in business.

Respectfully,



Virginia L. Hatch  
P O Box 175  
Hampton NH 03843

July 24, 2005

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BRAC Commission

DEAR "BRAC" COMMISSIONERS, JUL 27 2005

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P.H.S. SCIENCE DEPT

230 Indian Stream Road  
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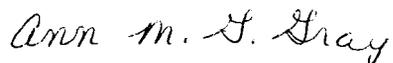
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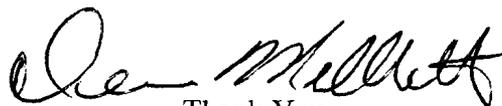
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Yours Denise Pagette

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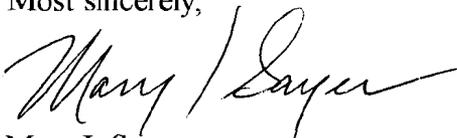
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We cannot gaze into a crystal ball to see the future but from all indications, it is not a peaceful world we will be facing. Therefore I think it foolhardy to consider any closings.

Most sincerely,



Mary L Sayer  
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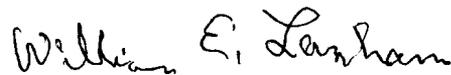
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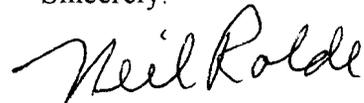
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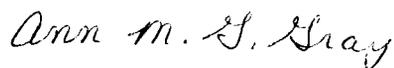
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51 No. Main St.  
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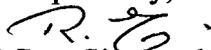
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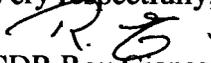
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I am writing to you on behalf of my husband Edward, my son-in-law Danny and my stepdaughter Debbie. All three family members are actively employed on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard each working in a different section of the nuclear submarine base. I am a senior retail manager currently unemployed due to a reduction in force at my former specialty retail company Prints Plus.

My husband Ed has been employed at the Shipyard for almost 30 years, first as an apprentice, then as a structural engineer, and most recently as one of the yard's training directors. Ed loves to work and has been so proud of his own personal accomplishments and also of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's accomplishments as a team. Personal pride in achievement goes a long way in making a difference in overall performance, cost, quality, and safety at the Shipyard. Ed is one of many shipyard employees that aims to do his best and tries every day to make a difference.

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I sincerely thank you for letting me express myself via this letter. We are optimistic that you will vote to take the Portsmouth Shipyard off of the BRAC closing list and our family can continue to support the shipyard and the local community.

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Edward & Lois Matheson  
3 Jana Lane  
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July 22, 2005

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Dear Mr. Anthony J. Principi,

I am writing to you on behalf of my husband Edward, my son-in-law Danny and my stepdaughter Debbie. All three family members are actively employed on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard each working in a different section of the nuclear submarine base. I am a senior retail manager currently unemployed due to a reduction in force at my former specialty retail company Prints Plus.

My husband Ed has been employed at the Shipyard for almost 30 years, first as an apprentice, then as a structural engineer, and most recently as one of the yard's training directors. Ed loves to work and has been so proud of his own personal accomplishments and also of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's accomplishments as a team. Personal pride in achievement goes a long way in making a difference in overall performance, cost, quality, and safety at the Shipyard. Ed is one of many shipyard employees that aims to do his best and tries every day to make a difference.

I am writing to you to ask you to consider once more the value of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from a performance standpoint, a strategic military standpoint and a community standpoint. I attended the BRAC Commission hearings on July 7<sup>th</sup>. In Boston, MA and I noticed how seriously you watched and listened to all of the speakers as they presented their findings and testimony in regard to our shipyard. I am asking you to be objective and fair but also to consider the past history of the shipyard and it's achievements. What message does it send to an American working man, such as my husband Ed, to close a shipyard that has just been cited for 2 outstanding meritorious awards for excellence? How can exceptional performance not be taken into consideration? When being the "best" ceases to count, what incentive is left to an American working man to excel and to perform to the best of his ability?

I sincerely thank you for letting me express myself via this letter. We are optimistic that you will vote to take the Portsmouth Shipyard off of the BRAC closing list and our family can continue to support the shipyard and the local community.

Sincerely,



Lois Matheson

25 Jul 2005

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Honorable Commissioner

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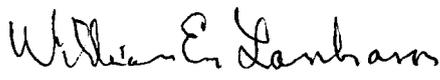
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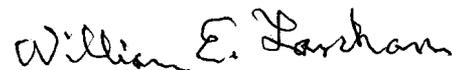
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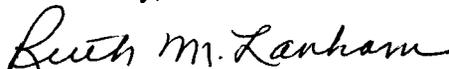
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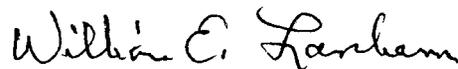
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July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2005

Donald E. Chesnel  
50 Patton St.  
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Dear Commissioner Principi:

In January of this year, I retired from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard with 38 (plus) years. I started in 1966 as a trainee in the Electrical / Electronics Shop (Code 950) and eventually became a second level manager in that department, with over a year's service as the temporary Shop Superintendent. Ironically, when I started at the Shipyard, people told me not to go there -- it was going to close! I guess they were a bit premature with those words of wisdom. I am counting on you to make them wrong again almost 40 years later!

I am very proud of my career and what I accomplished, but more importantly I am extremely proud of what the Shipyard had accomplished up to the point when I retired and continues to accomplish as I type this letter. There is no better United States Shipyard (public or private - bar none) in regards to safety, cost, quality and schedule adherence - period. We worked very diligently through some very difficult years and previous BRAC studies and decisions to achieve this status and every worker and manager at Portsmouth shares the pride of knowing we are the BEST there is in this Nation.

Imagine how the Portsmouth Shipyard "family" felt when they learned we were on the closure list once again. If this newest decision stands, the best Shipyard in the country will be closed. Millions of dollars will be lost, both in the local economy and from the pockets of the taxpayers of this country, because it will definitely cost more to do the work somewhere else and the fact is, the work must continue to be done. Why should it be done anywhere else when we have the FACTS to prove we are the best? I ask you and your BRAC Commission members to consider the FACTS of this situation and to ask yourself why the Pentagon not only wants to close Portsmouth, but also wants to completely dismantle the Northeast Region of this country.

Does it make sense to close down Portsmouth and other valuable entities such as the submarine base at New London, Ct.? There are other facilities as well in the northeast, but closing a major shipyard and a premier naval base are permanent moves and once they are gone, there will be no way to revive these crown jewels of our defense infrastructure.

In closing, I must say that based on everything there is out there, the only honest conclusion in my humble opinion is that Portsmouth Naval Shipyard must remain open -- to do anything else with this facility defies logic and sane comprehension of the situation.

Thanks in advance for your time, work, commitment to this assignment and consideration of this request. It is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Chesnel, Retired, Code 950, PNS



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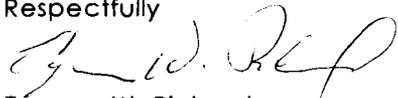
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I was fortunate enough to be interviewed by an OSHA inspector during our facility's review for Star status in the OSH Voluntary Protection Program. I was asked to bring in our records showing that we have performed the required maintenance, implemented the required safety precautions, and maintained the proper documentation in our program. I requested that inspector follow me to the files. He questioned this, stating that he had been to many sites and the file folder was brought to him. I requested his indulgence as we walked across the hall to our file area. Using his words, he was "astounded" and "impressed" at the records that we kept. The folder he expected was a lateral file shelf of information. I explained our record retention requirements and presented our information. When finished his review, he commented that he had no doubt that we were in full compliance and would be presenting a favorable report to his colleagues. He further stated that he wished it was like this at all the sites he visited. He had no questions left in his mind to ask after he reviewed our records.

This wasn't a show put on for a site visit, this is how we do business. There isn't a worker here that doesn't understand what is at stake when we work on our submarines or when we work on the equipment that supports our work on submarines. We also understand the value of the dollar. As such, we are self motivated to work efficiently, while holding quality and safety in the highest regard. We have repeatedly met the ever increasing budget cuts to support our country's needs.

This ethic has provided an invaluable contribution to the Shipyard corporation and to the Navy. We have consistently shared our process efficiencies and ideas with the requisite data to substantiate them. Should we close, not only will the talent, dedication and knowledge base from this Shipyard be lost, but the corporation and the Navy community, as a whole will feel the void.

We accepted the challenge presented by the Navy to return vital National assets back to service as expeditiously as possible – with no compromise in quality. We exceeded their expectations by delivering our submarines ahead of schedule and within cost. Your consideration of our performance record when you vote will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully yours,



Ms. Maura Annis

Sue E. Turner  
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Dear Commissioner Turner,

I am writing to you in my capacity as Chairman of the Seacoast Shipyard Association and it is no surprise that I am asking you to vote to overturn the Department of Defense's recommendation to close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

You have received thousands of words on this subject. I will not rehash them.

To me, the most cogent argument was made by Admiral William Klemm, whose testimony your Commission was not allowed to hear directly on July 7.

Simply put, he said that if you close Portsmouth, there will be "a reduction in the size of the SSN Fleet through a backlog on maintenance actions over the next five years."

That added cost has not been figured in because the DOD refuses to admit there is no excess maintenance capacity for nuclear submarines. Portsmouth is absolutely essential in keeping our submarine fleet at sea. The spectacle of immobile nuclear submarines having to wait because the drydocks and expert workers at Portsmouth no longer are available is a horrific thought and I say this as an American citizen worried for my country's future. My own personal future has nothing to do with the shipyard. Not a penny of my income depends on it.

Please consider Admiral Klemm's experienced wisdom when you make your decision.

Sincerely,



Neil Rolde

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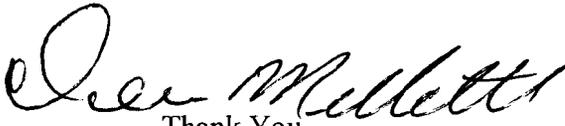
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All the ship have some of the happiest sailors and officers when they get their ship back. We all take great pride in what we do. I am sure that all ship would want to be repaired at our yard! The Navy has always been satisfied with us, so it would be to bad if all the talent and hard work would be done at an other yard. I hope you see the greatness of our yard and all the hard working people. Thank you for your time and attendance.

Yours  
Roger R. Pickett

JULY 23,2005

BRAC Commission

DEAR BRAC COMMISSION:

JUL 27 2005

MY HUSBAND HAS WORKED AT THE NAVY YARD IN PORTSMOUTH FOR ~~22 YEARS~~  
THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE GIVEN THEIR ALL TO THE JOB THAT THEY DO.  
THERE ISN'T JUST HISTORY OF THE NAVY YARD IN PORTSMOUTH, IT IS ALL A FAMILY  
TOO. THEY HAVE PROVEN TIME AND TIME AGAIN HOW THEY GET IT DONE.

THERE ARE A LOT OF TOWNS THAT WOULD BE EFFECTED. THEY ARE THE VERY BEST  
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THANK YOU

BARBARA VENO

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PO Box 122  
New Castle, NH  
03854-0122  
July 25, 2005

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Deborah H. Schulte

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BRAC Commission

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It is not only for the job loss of our dedicated hard working employee's and  
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Please help save our shipyard. We are a valuable resource to homeland security, our military  
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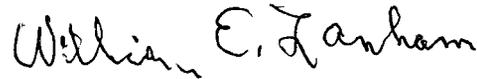
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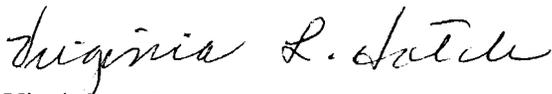
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Respectfully,



Virginia L. Hatch  
P O Box 175  
Hampton NH 03843

July 24, 2005

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BRAC Commission

Stephen Blaisdell  
87 Beaver Hill Road  
Springvale, ME  
04083-1224

JUL 27 2005

Dear Commissioner Bilbray,

I am a Navy Veteran with 31 years <sup>Received</sup> government service, 27 at PNS. I have been following the BRAC hearings closely and I am convinced that your group is, as several of you have said on several occasions, genuinely impartial and committed to the spirit of the process. I have arrived at this conclusion because your group has asked too many and too embarrassing questions for you to be just providing "Lip Service".

I've lived submarine overhaul for half my life and I know the Navy can't get the work done without all 4 shipyards. As a group, we're not quite making it now. The private sector has started to get involved but shows no sign of becoming a real contributing partner. Maybe someday...

I've heard a few people refer to PNS as a "One Trip Pony" meaning we can only do one thing, overhaul LA class submarines. On the contrary, we can do anything we're asked to do. Granted, we can't fit an air craft carrier in our dry docks but we can and do go to all the other shipyards and work efficiently on all other types of vessels.

New Englanders were building wooden ships on this island long before the US Government decided to establish a shipyard here in 1800. That's why they chose here in the first place, because the talent was already here. (And ready access to some nice tall timber.) Over the years we've built and maintained every type of surface ship or submarine the US Navy has wanted. When the submarine fleet changed from class to class, it was PNS who was willing to take on the hard problems and the odd flights that only included 1, 2, or 3 boats. No other shipyard wanted that work because the learning curve was too short. They couldn't make any money at it. But we would always step up and take on whatever the Navy could dish out. That's why we take care of the 555 Dolphin and the NR-1 (2 one-of-a-kind boats) to this day. As the fleet changes, and it will, PNS will adapt and learn whatever it takes to keep them in fighting condition.

PNS is a valuable asset and worth keeping. We can and will go anywhere and fix anything, and do on a regular basis. We don't just fix submarines because it's all we know how to do. It's the hardest kind of work and the Navy would rather have us spend our time doing it and leave the easy stuff to someone else.

So, without going into the usual rhetoric about broken lives and local economies, I will simply thank you for making the decision that is best for the country, the tax payers, and the national defense. Please try to base potential capacity reductions on common sense. When you do that, I believe that you will agree that we are worth saving and will vote to keep PNS open.

V/R



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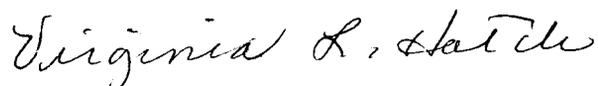
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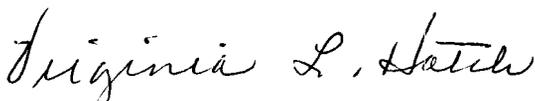
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1 Gee Road  
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Attention: BRAC Commission

As a teacher in the Kittery/Eliot community for the past seventeen years, I have worked with many families associated with the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I can attest to the pride these families have regarding their contributions to our country's national security efforts. The commendation these workers received from the Navy is well deserved. What is not deserved is this shipyard's proposed closure.

My students are reminded to base their conclusions and opinions on facts. The facts do not support this closure. If anything, now is the time to keep bases open rather than weaken our national security.

Sincerely,



Cathleen Gallo

Edward & Lois Matheson  
3 Jana Lane  
Stratham, NH 03885

BRAC Commission

July 22, 2005

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Dear Mr. James H. Bilbray,

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Lois Matheson

Edward & Lois Matheson  
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BRAC Commission

July 22, 2005

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I was particularly impressed when a retired US Admiral, who had once been the Commander of the US submarine fleet in the Pacific, and who also had served as the Commander, US Naval Shipyard, Pear Harbor, HI made the following statement which I quote in part: "It is critical" that submarines be returned to fully operational status soon after undergoing maintenance or overhaul at a shipyard and that Portsmouth Naval Shipyard does just that, far quicker and at far less expense than any other shipyard we have.

Please keep this point in mind when you make your final decision. To ignore it would be highly irresponsible.

Very respectfully,



CDR Roy Gianascol, USN (Retired)

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21 July 2005

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General James T. Hill, USA (Ret)

Defense Base Closure and Relignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Sincerely,



Sylvia Fitts Getchell

51 No. Main St.  
Newmarket, NH 03857-1216

21 July 2005

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Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret)

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L. Forbes Getchell, D.D.S.

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