

Dear BRAC Commission Members,

Date August 11, 2005

I respectfully ask you to reverse the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense regarding closure of the New London Sub Base.

This base is an integral part of our community in southeastern Connecticut. The negative impact of closure on our local and state economy far exceeds the documented benefit to relocate our defense installations.

Thank you for your work and your consideration
Sincerely,
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Dear BRAC Members,

As a concerned citizen I am writing to express my feelings about the potential closing of the New London Sub Base in New London, CT. This is not the first time that a commission has convened with the same intentions that you have in which the small state of Connecticut was brought to the table. It seems that once again the commission is looking to take jobs and stability from the people of Connecticut. While this is a serious and economically destructive act, it is not just the people of Connecticut who could suffer from a decision to close the Sub Base.

In order to make a stronger point I would like you to review the following information. If you close the Sub Base, the State of Connecticut risks the loss of 31,500 jobs. This includes individuals who were forced to leave their jobs when a previous BRAC recommended the closing and successfully prevailed with the closure of the Navy Underwater System Center in New London a few years ago. Our citizens could be left with the uncertainty of a daunting job market, as 31,500 new people begin battling for jobs, in an every increasing cost of living state. In addition to the jobs, our state economy is faced with a potential loss of \$3.3 billion in state revenues generated at or around the New London Sub Base.

Enough is enough. Stop targeting Connecticut and start learning how to budget properly. Your basis for moving this operation to Kings Bay lacks intelligent financial decisions. Our government needs to grow more concerned with creating jobs and maintaining the safety of our nation. Moving the Sub Base to Kings Bay will not only hurt the citizens of Connecticut, but it risks the safety of the American public, as the most highly trained personnel and most highly equipped station is left empty without just cause.

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RE: Potential Closure of Naval Submarine Base New London, CT

Dear BRAC Members,

I have read the news that the Naval Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut has been placed on the base closure list compiled by your commission. First, let me say how disheartened I am that you would consider closing this historic and significantly important scientific base. The Naval Submarine Base has a clear mission in this day and age and our abilities as a nation would suffer serious detriment with the loss of this facility.

Second, I do understand that your plans do not include discontinuing the program, which serves as the base's mission. However, your gross inadequacies regarding the future placement of this program in Kings Bay have become very evident in the last few weeks. You have failed to thoroughly review all of the circumstances that would be involved in the improvement/construction process of proceeding with Kings Bay as a potential home for Sub Base training. There would be no monetary value and the federal government may even see a rise in costs should you follow through with this plan. The recent disclosure of the lack of proper cost accounting for the proposed projects at Kings Bay lead the general public to believe that you have not thoroughly "done your homework" in a logical and diplomatic way.

Finally, closing of this base would have a seriously negative impact on New London, CT and the surrounding area. Due to the lack of government bases in this region, the only opportunities for current employees would be to drive a considerable distance to another base or the total loss of government employment. This action would cost tens of thousands of individuals their livelihood, as this is by no means a small institution. In addition to the thousands of jobs within the base (civilian and military), there is a thriving tourist industry, which would be substantially hit with economic loss if the base were to close.

I ask you to seriously consider all alternatives and actions very carefully before you rip this tight knit community apart and leave storefronts and homes virtually empty. Thank you for your time and your consideration.

Sincerely,



Theodore Dawydko