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Anthony Principi
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Re: My previous letter via facsimile to Mr. Principi dated August 10, 2005

Mr. Principi,

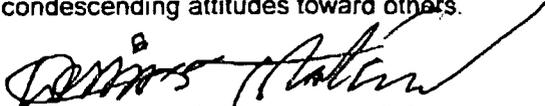
This letter is being sent within the context of my being a sixty-three year old American, and is meant to state my opinion(s) regarding the treatment of the Virginia Delegation during their testimony before you and the other commission members, on Saturday, August 20, 2005. In addition, the letter is meant with respect to you and the other commission members. Conversely, as an American I feel compelled to express my opinion regarding the treatment of the aforementioned delegation by you and the other members of the commission. Further, I am not a developer, realtor, builder, have no interest in Oceana excepting how it affects the economy in Virginia Beach, would not know the Mayor or members of the City Council if they were standing in front of me, am semi-retired, and have NOT been asked to write you and the other commission members. I would, thus, like to make the following points:

1. I was able to watch the comment by Robert J. Natter wherein he stated language to the effect he liked the folks in Norfolk and Virginia Beach, but he just did not like them living around the fence at Oceana. I cannot believe that you and the other members allowed such a tacky comment by Mr. Natter.
2. I watched in disbelief when some members of the commission, in my judgment, repeatedly attempted to question the sworn testimony of a retired Navy Captain regarding carrier landings. My recollection is that the man had 10,000 flying hours.
3. At the conclusion of the testimony by our Mayor regarding purchase of the property on Laskin Road, a commission member commended her, and then stated it might be twenty years too late. If the gentleman was referring to the construction of Lynnhaven mall twenty some-odd years ago, surely he is not referring to leveling the mall. If the commission member was referring to past mistakes on the part of previous city councils, then I submit that hindsight is ALWAYS twenty-twenty. In addition, my understanding is that the Navy did not always provide crystal clear instructions/direction to past/present councils.

I was appalled, Mr. Chairman, at what I perceived to be a total lack of respect shown the Virginia Delegation by you and the other commission members. It is almost as if you folks will go to any/all lengths to shut down Oceana Naval Air Station, and reopen Cecil Field.

Finally, Mr. Principi and other commission members, we are ALL aware of the immense power that the BRAC commission wields. I am also aware of the outstanding background of you and the other members. Thus, there is no need to be rude, and certainly no need, at least in my opinion, to display condescending attitudes toward others.

Very Respectfully,



Dennis Trahan(facsimile copies to Chairman and all Commission members)

