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The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chair
Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

During my over thirty years of work at China Lake, most of the time in leadership positions, I frequently had to ask myself why the acquisition process in the Navy was so widely distributed. When in May this year SECDEF announced the recommendations for BRAC 2005 I was pleasantly surprised about the plan to create three RDAT&E centers. Based on my experience I expect substantial efficiencies resulting from the proposed realignments.

I wish to express my strong support for the BRAC recommendations made by the Secretary of Defense to create a Naval Integrated Weapons and Armaments RDAT&E Center at China Lake and to realign the Sensors, Electronic Warfare and Electronics RDAT&E from Point Mugu to China Lake. These forward looking recommendations fully support the Secretary's goals to position the country's base infrastructure to meet our armed forces transformation needs for the 21st century.

At the NAS China Lake the Navy **owns** vast land and facility resources based on tasking and staffing in the early 90ies. It is only logical to put them to full use again. I hope that logic and not "pork" will prevail.

I urge your full approval of SECDEF recommendations regarding the creation of a Naval Integrated Weapons & Armaments Research, Development & Acquisition Center at China Lake.

Sincerely,

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951 E. Skylark Avenue
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August 9, 2005

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The Ridgecrest community is looking forward to the arrival of the additional uniformed and civilian employees and support contractors. I have lived in the Ridgecrest, California community for twenty-five years and have become familiar with the land, air and water supply and quality in the area. I am certain that Ridgecrest can accept and sustain the growth anticipated from the current BRAC without degradation of the quality or supply of any of these valuable assets. The community officials have prepared for the growth-contingency and are prepared to support the new arrivals.

We are a Navy town that supports our base and its users from our own services and our allies. I urge your approval of the Secretary's recommendations regarding China Lake.

Sincerely,



Larry Trowsdale

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Dear Mr. Principi:

I wish to express support for Secretary Rumsfeld's recommendations to your Commission.

Surrounded by 50 miles of desert and mountains, we are unencroached and have plenty of room to grow. Currently, subdivision maps are in process for more than 3000 new homes, condos, patio homes, and apartments.

Prices in the greater Ridgecrest area average 1/3 when compared with the rest of California. Our median home price is currently \$181,000.

Special financing programs, namely CalHFA, CHDAP and CHAP are available for first-time buyers up to moderate income levels.

As a strong Navy town, our business and community leaders welcome the arrival of civilian and uniformed employees to the Indian Wells Valley.

Sincerely,



Kathleen J. Vejtasa
Owner/Broker