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August 10, 2005

Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
 Chairman  
 Base Realignment and Closure Commission  
 2521 South Clark Street  
 Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Chairman:

We are writing to share with you the attached letter to the Chief of Naval Operations, Admiral Michael Mullen, requesting information about a memorandum written by the Commander of the Submarine Learning Center.

We believe that this document calls into question data used by the Navy to support its BRAC proposals and, in particular, contradicts the Navy's analysis recommending the transfer of Submarine School (SUBSCOL) from Submarine Base New London to Kings Bay. As we outlined in the letter, it is our understanding that the Pentagon issued its BRAC recommendations three weeks before it even considered the analysis of the Navy's senior official charged with overseeing U.S. submarine training.

Moreover, in correspondence to the Commanding Officer of Submarine Base Kings Bay, we believe that this official outlined several reasons why the Defense Department's military construction proposal falls far short of the U.S. Submarine School's needs. According to his analysis, the Navy's Kings Bay proposal would not provide adequate capacity for classroom space or supporting facilities such as a galley, correctional brig or gymnasium to meet the needs of the sizable student population of SUBSCOL. Such revelations would suggest that the Navy dramatically underestimated the cost of re-constituting Submarine Base New London's largest tenant at a different location.

Clearly, the timing and content of these findings are startling. We are certain that you would agree that the Navy's failure to consider such fundamental needs of our sailors would constitute a significant deviation from the BRAC criteria. We will provide you with any and all information on this important issue as soon as we acquire it.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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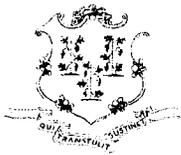
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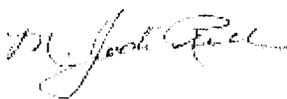
We have recently acquired information that seems to call into question data used by the Navy to support its BRAC proposals and, in particular, contradicts the Navy's analysis recommending the transfer of Submarine School (SUBSCOL) from Submarine Base New London to Kings Bay. In fact, it is our understanding that the Pentagon issued its BRAC recommendations three weeks **before** it even considered the analysis of the Navy's senior official charged with overseeing U.S. submarine training.

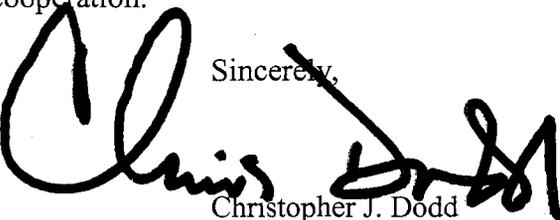
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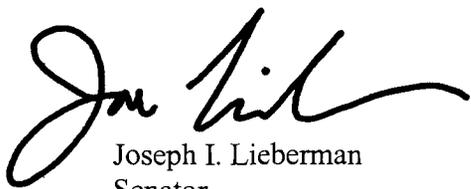
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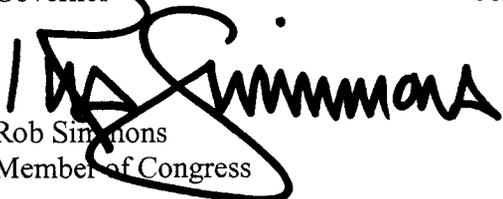
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