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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:

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen J. Vejtasa". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kathleen J. Vejtasa
Owner/Broker