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Mr. Battaglia, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Fetzer, and Ms. Walsh,

The attached paper clarifies the financial incentive package offered by the State of Texas in support of its South Texas military facilities. This offer has been coordinated between the Governor and the local government agencies involved.

We are requesting that this information be made available to all Commissioners prior to the commencement of voting. The offer extended enables the realignment of VFA FRS from NAS Oceana to NAS Kingsville with "NO" MILCON cost to the Department of Defense. This allows for a significant mitigation of the safety, training, and encroachment issues at Oceana while avoiding the major step of NAS Oceana closure. The State of Texas offer includes an expanded air-to-ground training range and the MILCON to provide the facilities included in the Navy COBRA analysis. Additionally, this approach does not hinder the Navy in any future TACAIR basing decision because it not only keeps all options available, but it enhances current facilities at no cost to the DoD.

Respectfully,  
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**PROPOSAL OF  
THE SOUTH TEXAS MILITARY DEFENSE COMMUNITY  
IN COOPERATION WITH THE STATE OF TEXAS**

The South Texas counties of San Patricio, Nueces and Kleberg, together with their cities, acting as the South Texas Military Defense Community (STMDC), are proposing to the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure Commission that, should the Commission approve the move of a portion of NAS Oceana missions to Kingsville in the general range of 50 new aircraft and approximately 1200 new personnel, the STMDC will assist as follows:

Assuming a cost of approximately \$79 million, Governor Rick Perry has committed the State to funding \$10 million from the Texas Enterprise Fund for what would be MILCON costs associated with the relocation to South Texas. In addition, the Governor has committed between \$5 and \$15 million for potential additional transportation infrastructure needs at NAS Kingsville associated with relocation (number flexibility dependent on what DOD identifies under MILCON but would include roadways, utility corridors, storm drainage, and similar infrastructure improvements). Should they be needed, \$100 million for roadway improvements to expand Chapman Ranch Road from Kingsville to Corpus Christi and funding of land acquisition for range will also be available depending on DOD identification of needed infrastructure for partial missions.

The STMDC herein offers to create a local government corporation under the Texas Transportation Code, Section 431(d). This local government corporation would acquire low interest loan funds in the amount of \$54 to \$64 million from the existing Texas Public Finance Authority, Military Base Loan Fund, previously authorized by the Texas Legislature to fully fund the estimated requirements to move the missions to NAS Kingsville. (The loan amount will be sufficient to bridge the difference between state-provided funding and the total costs.) The members of the STMDC herein pledge to provide debt service to fully amortize the low interest loan from the Texas Public Finance Authority subject to each political jurisdiction's appropriations.

South Texas has long been a strong partner with the Navy, giving rise to the statement that "South Texas is Navy Country." Many times, South Texas communities and counties have risen to the task of assisting and protecting our naval facilities. Such examples as the Nueces County's \$25 million bond issue to purchase the site for the construction of NS Ingleside and an early 1980's City of Corpus Christi bond issue for purchase of land around NAS Corpus Christi and its outlying fields to prevent encroachment are excellent examples of our long term commitment to the Navy. This proposal is simply a further statement of our continuing commitment to the Navy. This commitment is made by us contingent on NS Ingleside remaining open as a result of the BRAC.