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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
Chairman  
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, Va. 22202

Dear Chairman Principi;

Enclosed please find a resolution adopted by the Topsham Board of Selectmen in support of maintaining the Brunswick Naval Air Station as a fully operational installation. Please include this document as part of the official record regarding NASB.

On behalf of the Town of Topsham, which has part of the NASB located within our community; we thank you and the other Commissioners for undertaking a difficult task. We are confident that you will reach a decision that is in the best interest of our nation.

Sincerely;

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***TOWN OF TOPSHAM  
PROCLAMATION IN SUPPORT OF THE  
BRUNSWICK NAVAL AIR STATION***

- WHEREAS*** NAS Brunswick is the only active military facility capable of providing aerial surveillance and interdiction along the United States northeastern corridor, more commonly known as the New England coast and the Maritimes; and
- WHEREAS*** NAS Brunswick is a major asset in the support of Homeland Security and Defense, and, more particularly, in the fight against terrorism in the United States; and
- WHEREAS*** NAS Brunswick is geographically situated such that joint forces may operate and train together; and
- WHEREAS*** NAS Brunswick is sufficient in size and capacity to allow joint military use with both active and reserve units; and
- WHEREAS*** NAS Brunswick has recently been completely reconstructed to handle any aircraft in the military inventory, past, present and projected for the future; and
- WHEREAS*** NAS Brunswick has a logistical advantage as the only fully operational air facility in the northeast; and
- WHEREAS*** NAS Brunswick is a welcome and vital link in the continued success of the economy of the Bath, Brunswick, Topsham region and the entire social fabric of the surrounding communities;
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