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## DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

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Telephone: 703-699-2950

August 15, 2005

The Honorable Jeb Bush  
The Capital  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0001

Dear Governor Bush:

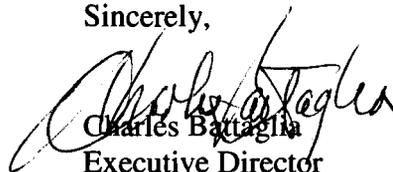
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My Director of Legislative Affairs, Christine Hill, at 703-699-2970 is prepared to respond to any questions that you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,



Charles Battaglia  
Executive Director

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The Honorable Bill Nelson  
United States Senate  
716 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Nelson:

As a result of the August 11, 2005 meeting with the BRAC commissioners and Governor Bush, the Commissioner will conduct a regional hearing. The hearing is a result of the vote to consider closure of Oceana Naval Air Station. As was stated during that hearing, we are committed to assessing all added installations in the same open and fair manner in which we looked at the installations included in the Secretary of Defense's recommendation. In addition to site visits, the Commission will conduct a regional hearing on August 20, 2005, starting at 1:30pm in the Hart Senate Office Building Room 216, to receive testimony from representatives of:

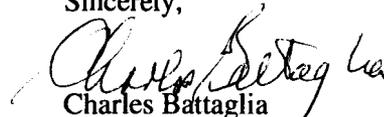
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The Commission would appreciate receiving a copy of your witness list and agenda by COB Wednesday August 17<sup>th</sup> 2005. Please deliver copies of unclassified witness statements or statements for the record to the hearing site no later than the day prior to the hearing. Materials are also requested in electronic format (CD).

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United States Senate  
317 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

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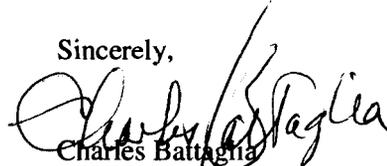
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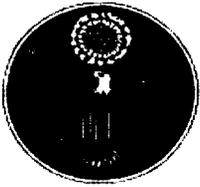


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The Honorable Ander Crenshaw  
Member of Congress  
127 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Crenshaw:

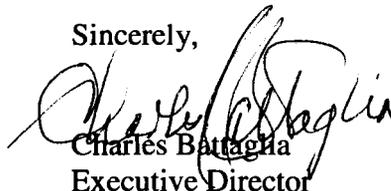
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