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The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chair
Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Mr. Principi:

I would like to express my endorsement of the BRAC recommendations made by the Department of Defense. Specifically, the creation of a Naval Integrated Weapons and Armaments RDAT&E Center at China Lake and to realign the Sensors, Electronic Warfare and Electronics RDAT&E from Point Mugu to China Lake. These forward-looking recommendations can be supported by the community and the dynamic intellectual environment that the Indian Wells Valley provides.

Our community is looking forward to the arrival of the uniformed, civilian employees and support contractors. Ridgecrest and China Lake have a long and successful history of supporting this nation's critical defense infrastructure. I am confident that current residents will welcome all those who choose to relocate and that they will come to enjoy and appreciate the unique environment of California's high desert. We are a devoted Navy town that supports our base and its users from our

own services and our allies. I urge your approval of the Secretary's recommendations regarding China Lake.

Charles G. Bechtel