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To the Brac

We as a small business owner wish to log our displeasure at the decision of the Brac to close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I sincerely hope all sides of this decision have been looked at thoroughly. The economy has been in a down trend ever since 911. We have noticed a decline of at least 40% over the last 4 years. Closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will only add to this problem. Not only the people directly working at the yard are affected. Keep in mind the thousands of other people in the area that will be directly affected. Also do not forget the exemplary work that this installation does. Not only is the work finished ahead of schedule under budget and with a very low rate of repeat work having to be done by these dedicated workforce. I would think that you as the Brac could find another area to achieve your goal without closing this installation. (ie bring home our troops. Also leaving the Northeast coast unprotected is unconscionable. Also keep in mind how things change such as in the short amount of time there could be a threat from some where in the world that could make this base essential. Don't throw away what we already have ie nuclear license.

Thank you

A concerned citizen American and a Maine resident