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August 18, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202-3920

Dear Chairman Principi:

As a member of the Senate of Virginia, I am deeply concerned about the inclusion of Naval Air Station Oceana on the list of potential closures. As you know, Virginia takes great pride in its strong relationship and history with the military. Oceana plays a vital role in the economy of South Hampton Roads.

My colleague, Delegate Terrie Suit, has presented a comprehensive legislative package to provide the statutory framework for addressing encroachment issues around Oceana. I share her commitment to keep Oceana open and fully support the initiatives spelled out in her August 8 letter. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Creigh Deeds".

R. Creigh Deeds

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cc: The Honorable Terrie Suit