



COUNTY of ISLE OF WIGHT

THE COURTHOUSE

July 27, 2005

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

RE: NAS Oceana
(BRAC:2005)

Dear Chairman Principi:

On behalf of the Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors, as one of the sixteen communities comprising the Hampton Roads region of southeast Virginia, I am taking this opportunity to convey our unanimous and unequivocal support for retaining NAS Oceana as a U.S. Navy Master Jet Base.

Hampton Roads offers unparalleled quality of life for service members and their families. Further, NAS Oceana's co-location with the major Atlantic Fleet home port facilitates squadron movements to and from aircraft carriers, allows personnel to have access to numerous Navy schools and training activities without leaving home, and provides ample opportunities for sea/shore duty rotations within the Hampton Roads region. These advantages save money while enhancing morale and retention.

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As recent testimony by Navy and Defense Department officials has confirmed, encroachment of NAS Oceana is manageable and does not significantly impact the Navy's ability to operate and provide realistic training at NAS Oceana. The recently completed Joint Land Use Study (JLUS) addresses the Navy's most pressing encroachment concerns for Oceana and Fentress Field, and JLUS recommendations have been adopted without reservation by all three participating cities.

Responsive to Oceana's exceptional advantages and recognized military value, we urge you to support the Secretary of Defense and U.S. Navy position on NAS Oceana.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Douglas Caskey". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

W. Douglas Caskey
County Administrator

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cc: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
Mr. Jacob P. Stroman, IV, County Attorney
The Honorable Meyera Oberndorf, Mayor, City of Virginia
Beach
Mr. Arthur L. Collins, Executive Director, Hampton Roads
Planning District Commission