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RE: COMMITTEE DECISIONS

Dear Committee Members:

As a taxpayer and American I would like to thank you for your time, energy and efforts while serving on this Base Closure and Realignment Commission. You have demonstrated great wisdom with regard to final decisions of base closures and realignments.

Specifically your decisions to retain the naval shipyard in Maine, the submarine base in Connecticut and Ellsworth AFB are well thought out. As a country we must define what makes a sound defense infrastructure. Namely these three bases provide needed facilities to maintain our national defense. We cannot reduce our military bases to the point that all of one type of military asset (e.g. submarines, bombers, etc.) is located solely at one base as such situation will create an all too tempting targets for our enemies. Do we forget history such as Pearl Harbor?

Freedom costs money and blood. We freely are shedding our sons and daughters' blood in Iraq for the cause of freedom in that region of the world. We must not loose sight of the home front. Future wars will never allow us time to re-establish our military infrastructure. As a result we must pay for important bases/facilities which keep our ability to defend our freedom in tact, while at the same time not wasting money.

By the time you get this letter, you will likely revamp the Air National Guard forces to consolidate them into larger and more efficient air wings. While this may upset State Governors, it makes logistical sense for maintenance and personnel use.

Again, thank you for the wisdom you have shown during your tenure on this committee.

Sincerely,

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