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Thank you for your work and your consideration.

Sincerely,

Name Karen & Watten Swanson

Signature Karen Swanson

Address 194 Butler Town Road

City Waterford State CT Zip 06385

Date 6-22-05

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Sincerely,

JUL 15 2005

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Name Pamela McPherson

Signature Pamela McPherson

Address 20 Goshen Ave

City Waterford State CT Zip 06385

Date June 28, 2005

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Sincerely,

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Name Cindy Bond

JUL 15 2005

Signature Cynthia Bond

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Address 202 Colman St. apt. 1012

City New London

State Ct. Zip 06320

Date 6-30-05

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Sincerely,

Name CELIA J. OLSEN

Signature Celia J. Olsen

Address 2 VALERIE STREET

City WATERFORD,

State Ct. Zip 06385

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Date 7/04/05

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Name Paul & Patricia VanderVeer

Signature [Handwritten Signature]

Address 148 OIL MILL ROAD

City WATERFORD

State CT Zip 06388

Date JUL 5, 2005

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Name BARBARA H EBERLE

Signature Barbara H Eberle

Address 23 OSWEGATCHIE ROAD

City WATERFORD, State CT Zip 06395

Date 6/25/05

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Sincerely,

Name Sandra R Percy

Signature Sandra R Percy

Address 228 Maple Ave

City Uncasville

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**07 07 2005**

Name Peter Van Arman

Signature *Peter Van Arman*

Address 17 Shawandasse Rd.

City Waterford State CT Zip 06385

Date 6/29/05

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Name RAYMOND KARASEVICZ

Signature Raymond Karasevich

Address 13 WILCOX CT

City WATERFORD

State CT Zip 06385

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Name Constantine Belke

Signature Constantine Belke

Address 7 Gresham Park

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Name Peter + Debra Pinchera

Signature Debra Pinchera + Peter Pinchera

Address 24 High Ridge Drive

City Waterford State CT Zip 06385

Date 7 | 20 | 05

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Sincerely,

BRAC Commission

Name

PAUL J. MACARI

Signature

Paul J. Macari

Address

162 MARLOW ST

City

CRANFORD

State RI Zip 02920

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Date 7/20/05

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Sincerely,

BRAC Commission

Name Robert W. Virga  
Signature Robert W. Virga  
Address 1 Beverly Rd  
City Waterford

JUL 25 2005

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State CT Zip 06385

Date July 20, 2005

Dear BRAC Commission Members,

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I respectfully ask you to reverse the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense regarding closure of the New London Sub Base.

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Sincerely,

Name MARK S. SPERY

Signature Mark S. Sperry

Address 21 OSWEGATCHIE RD.

City WATERFORD

P.S, SMARTEN UP!  
DON'T WASTE OUR  
TAX DOLLARS!  
Keep Groton Subbase OPEN  
State CT. Zip 06385

Date JUL 18 2005 BRAC Commission

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Sincerely,

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature William D. D'Ascenzo Randy D. D'Ascenzo  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

BILL & RANDY D'ASCENZO  
63 CROSS ROAD  
WATERFORD, CT 06385-1621

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Sincerely,

Name Anne Frish

Signature Anne Frish

Address 21 Oswegatchie Road

City Waterford

State CT Zip 06385

\* We need  
the Groton  
Sub Base

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BRAC:

Please do not close the Groton-New London Submarine Base. It is the submarine capital of the world and has the richest history of any subbase we have. Do not forget about esprit de corps when making your decision, the history there

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is too rich. I write you

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Suite 600

Arlington, Virginia

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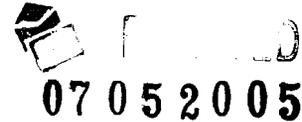






Charles T. Coyle  
43 John Street  
Greenwich, CT 06831

June 27, 2005



Mr. Philip Coyle  
Sr. Advisor  
BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Groton/New London Sub Base

Dear Mr. Coyle:

I urge you and the BRAC commission **NOT** to close our submarine base! There are several reasons your present decision should be reconsidered and reversed.

- 1) National Security – I have heard that a number of senior on-line naval officers think the closing would seriously impact our country's ability to build and repair submarines. Further, it would cut the number of future new subs coming along, since with New London closed, there would only be one other facility available.
- 2) Unintended Consequence – Is the commission aware off the agreement between the State of Connecticut and the Navy that in the event of a base closing, The "clean-up" costs will be very large and will be paid for by the Navy? These costs could easily triple what money might be saved by closing the base.
- 3) Expanded Hurtful Impact – On this small state's economic health. It is estimated that the sub base and Electric Boat Co. count per over 30,000 Connecticut jobs and three billion dollars a year in employee generated income.

I would estimate this particular base closing would harm more people than any of the other closings on your list.

So, ... please reconsider!

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Coyle', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Mr. Charles C. Coyle

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## Business People

# Times' Charles Coyle retires, starts a new business

Charles T. Coyle, advertising and marketing director of The New York Times Magazine, has retired from The Times after 17 years to head his own marketing, publishing and sales development consulting group.

The Charles Coyle Consulting Co. has already accepted assignments in marketplace promotion and product repositioning campaigns. The company also provides services in regional economic development, sales presentations, and sales force effectiveness training and improvement.

At The Times, Mr. Coyle played a lead role in marketing The New York Times Magazine and "Part 2" magazines including The Sophisticated Traveler, Fashions of The Times and Home Design. He also managed advertising categories including automotive, packaged goods, retail department stores, fashion, as well as corporate/financial/political and area development.

"Our new company provides a wide range of publishing, advertising and sales services," said Mr. Coyle, who is president of the firm. "Specialty marketing companies like ours, offering hard-earned expertise and access to decision-makers, fill a critical need in the marketplace, especially when so many organizations have downsized



Charles T. Coyle

their own staffs."

Before joining The Times, Mr. Coyle had a long and successful career in senior business capacities with blue chip companies. His posts included Group Marketing Director of FTD; Corporate Advertising Director for RCA; Marketing Manager for the Playtex

Family Products Division; and Director of Product Management for American Home Products, Whitehall Division.

A graduate of Princeton University, Mr. Coyle did postgraduate work at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He served as a Lt. (j.g.) in the U.S. Navy on a destroyer during the Korean War.

He and his wife, Julia Bruce Coyle, live in Greenwich. They have four children.

July 16, 2005  
56 Spithead Rd.  
Wtfd. Ct. 06385

Base Closure  
2521 S. Clark St.  
Suite 600  
Arlington Va. 22202

BRAC Commission

JUL 20 2005

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To whom it concerns;

The state of Connecticut is in bad enough shape as it is.

Just what is the point of stripping our residence of their survival and that of the state??

Sure seems stupid for many reasons to close the base. There has been much money spent in repair and upkeep for the betterment of work areas for the employees and the base survival - Now you want to close it - For what purpose? Who's benefit?

Reconsider your choices and have the base right where it is and functioning properly for the benefit of the small people.

Respectfully  
Charlotte Marone

June 4, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

**Re: Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut; Factors To Be Considered In Justifying Closure**

Has anyone considered as an important factor in determining military value to justify closure of the Submarine Base, New London that collapsing of the Goldstar Memorial Bridge by a coordinated terrorist or missile attack would create a chokepoint sealing the Thames River and halting all possible submarine transits until clearance?

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2005 Defense Base Closure  
And Realignment Commission  
2521 South Clark Street Suite 600  
Arlington, Virginia 22202

I am very concerned with the idea of closing any bases. It does not make any sense to me that we would reduce are bases and our Submarine fleet, when other countries are building up they military and building more submarines.

What sense does it make to close base only to have to put a lot of money into rebuilding the other bases?

Why close bases along the water? Isn't there a fear that terrorist can come into our country by water. I do not understand putting our military in smaller areas of operation rather then having them spread out all over the country. Did we not learn anything from Pearl Harbor not to have everything in one place? What if the smaller bases were to hit by terrorist. Where is the defense if the military is in smaller areas? Also what about all the civilians that work are these bases? Thousands of people will be unemployed.

This whole thing makes absolutely no sense to me. Were are you saving any money and worse yet were is our defense of our country.

God help this country if all you are worried about is money and not the defense of our Great Country. I hope you will rethink this plan and leave the bases alone. I think America needs all the protection it has now.

Maybe, and I do not mean this is harsh way, maybe you should think about cutting some of the Pentagon's salaries first.

Just a something to think about.

Please rethink this plan.

Sincerely:

Kathleen Marzucca

1579 Meriden Ave

Southington, Connecticut 06489

L.G. Petty  
PO Box 289  
Mystic, CT  
06355

May 23, 2005

BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark St.  
Suite 600  
Arlington VA 22202

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing regarding the future of the U.S. Naval Base at Groton, CT. I urge you to remove this base from the list of facilities the Pentagon wishes to shut down. The Groton Naval Base, in my opinion, is a vital and irreplaceable resource insuring the security of our country and its ability to meet any challenge or threat.

It seems to me that if this base were shut down and dismantled, inevitably our country would need it in the future, but by then it would be impossible to recreate this vital strategic location plus all the facilities, expertise and public/private synergy that took so many people and so many decades to reach its current level of development. Eliminating this base would prove to be costly beyond our ability as a nation to pay, while at the same time it would open us up to the mercies of an unpredictable but inevitable catastrophe.

Additionally, it would be especially unwise, in this age of terrorist threats, to concentrate so much of the submarine arm of our military in fewer locations.

If the reason for drastically cutting back military facilities lies in no longer preparing for yesterday's wars, then, in fighting today's wars, let us not make the mistake of thinking that they will be all of future's wars.

Sincerely,



L.G. Petty

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John C. Yuill  
154 Bear Hill Rd. #1508  
Cumberland, RI 02864-6030

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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC)  
2521 South Clark St.  
Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202  
Re: Closing of U.S. Submarine Base in Groton, CT

Dear Commissioners,

The proposed closure of the Sub Base at Groton, CT just doesn't make any sense. I just cannot see any logic or rational for closing this vital military facility.

At present there are only a handful of submarine bases scattered on both seacoasts where there used to be many. I fully understand the direction the Navy in general and the Submarine Service is taking in this new age of terror and littoral warfare. This is all the more reason to keep the Groton base intact. I do not deem it wise to place 'all our base eggs in one basket' as in one centralized east coast base. Groton is well situated on the northeast coast providing quick deployment to the deep Atlantic or Arctic regions and balances base location, latitude-wise, with the base in Bremerton, Washington.

Through a very well established infrastructure, the Groton base provides not only basic submarine training for *both* officers and enlisted personnel, but also advanced and specialized training as well. The various trainers, fire control, damage control, diving, and others, plus the pier facilities, provides all required logistic support for the seventeen or so boats that call Groton/ New London home and would be extremely expensive to relocate. Why move what already exists. 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it'.

It encompasses a first class hospital that serves the needs of not only active duty personnel and their dependents, but the many retired personnel and their families.

The first and best submarine construction and maintenance facility in the entire world, Electric Boat, is located just a mile or so downriver from the base providing the best submarine workmanship and skills available anywhere.

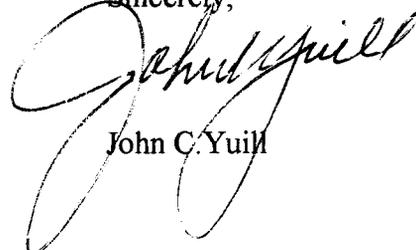
The closing of this base would irrepealably harm the economics of the *entire* surrounding region for years to come.

I find it extremely disturbing that the very *first* submarine base which has lasted *105 years* is about to be discarded just to save *money*. National security comes first at *any* cost. The U.S. submarine is *now* the first line of defense for the future.

The Groton base has, and will continue if allowed to stay open, provided America with a safety net of security, primarily in the ability of submarine stealth capabilities to 'watch the enemy' wherever they may be, reconnoiter, gather intelligence, and if need be, strike silently and decisively anywhere in the world.

It is hoped that the decision to retain this base will prevail.

Sincerely,



John C. Yuill

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# Lynn A. Thieme

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34 Wales Road • Norwich • CT 06360  
Phone 860.822.9120  
lynnie@cookbookcreation.com

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commission members;

As an active duty military family we are devastated by the prospect of the closure of the Submarine Base in Groton. We have been fortunate enough to be stationed here since Christmas 1998 after several consecutive tours here. We planned on making this our home even if we had to move away for short times, we knew the Navy would always have a home for us here.

More than being disappointed in the loss of the base & what that will do to the sense of community that we have grown to love in Southeastern CT I am appalled at the prospect of what the government thinks is acceptable when it comes to relocating its families.

When we leave CT, en masse, we are likely to lose a lot of value in our homes as every one of us will need to move in a short span of time. If we can sell our houses at all, I think we will all be lucky if we get the prices that we paid for them. Couple that with the fact that news reports are already coming in that affordable housing is virtually unavailable in areas like St. Mary's, GA, Norfolk, VA and Silverdale, WA- the areas which are likely to absorb many of our boats. Couple that with the fact that base housing is difficult to get in the BEST of times, when everyone is clamoring to get it at once I fear for the length of the waiting lists. Add to that the fact that the government will be sending us into communities which will be woefully unprepared to handle the influx of students in their school systems and we are facing a double whammy- no housing and overcrowded schools. Despite the best of intentions there is no way a community can prepare its infrastructure for an influx of thousands of families in a short period of time. The people who will pay the most are the military families. In the end, the government will pay as we refuse to re-enlist & refuse to resign officer contracts when they next come up for renewal. After all, why would we want to work for anyone who treats its people and families with such careless and obvious disregard?

I will leave the facts & figures of the financial cost of the base closure vs. what it will cost to relocate all of us to the actuaries, but I felt it was important for you to understand the HUMAN cost of closing the base.

Not only will you lose a vibrant connection in the community, but you will lose a lot of fantastic military people in the shuffle.

Sincerely,



Lynn A. Thieme

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May 23, 2005

Dear Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission,

I am a fourth grade teacher at Hart Magnet School in Stamford. Due to my local involvement with veterans in Stamford, I was lucky enough to have gotten involved with the U.S. Navy a few years ago. I have made it one of my personal missions in the classroom to support the USS Connecticut (SSN 22) and the USS Dallas (SSN 700). I have done so for 3 years. My students have learned great lessons of patriotism and dedication from these fine defenders of the deep!

I was sick to my stomach upon hearing about the base closing. I know from personal experience about the hard work and dedication to protecting our wonderful nation that our submariners give to us without reservation, daily. It would be foolish for the base to be closed down. As a Nation, we should really look back on the events of 9/11 and Pearl Harbor and remember the lessons that we learned on those days.. Unfortunately for some, those days have already been labeled "History". For those of us who have vowed that we would never forget, it is important to remember, respect and learn from the lessons of those troubling times that our Nation had to struggle through. It would be ignorant of us to put all of our eggs into one basket down in Virginia. After all, we would be nothing except for one huge sitting duck.

The CT base allows us to have one of the finest relationships known... that of EB and the Navy base. The geographic location of the plant and the base is only natural. Electric Boat builds the finest submarines in the world (Have you ever been on one? I have and they are phenomenall!). EB without the base would be like Detroit without any cars! The Thames River is one of Connecticut's main tributaries. It winds its way down to the outermost reaches of Long Island Sound and then out to the Atlantic. Geographically speaking, the base is tucked away just enough so it is not on the main drag, so to speak. It is really the perfect setting. As the submarines are led up the Thames by the finest tug boats, they proudly pass by the Coast Guard Academy and make their way home... where they belong... here in Connecticut. I shudder to think what would happen if they were ripped away from such a natural place. It will be one of Connecticut's darkest days if the base is closed and the submarines are turned away.

The State of Connecticut cannot afford to lose such an important part of their economy. Please do everything in your power to keep the base open. I

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will be happy to help you in any way possible. Please feel free to contact me. We cannot afford to lose the New London submarine base. Commanders and the submariners under them, are probably some of the hardest working men in this country. They run on an 18 hour shift... imagine if your day were broken down into only 18 hours. They put forth the blood, sweat and tears so that you and I can enjoy a free America. We should never forget that. It is only natural that they should continue to call Connecticut their home. The base is a safe-haven for America's finest. Keep the submarine base open.

Connecticut native, David Bushnell, had a vision of a submarine. He built the first one called the Turtle in 1775. The USS Nautilus was the first nuclear powered submarine to be built EVER. Once again, through a relationship with Electric Boat, the USS Nautilus was born.

Connecticut has such a strong history with submarines, and that is just the way it should stay. Leave the New London Sub Base alone. It should have never been on the chopping block to begin with!! I was born and raised in Connecticut. The effects of the base closing would be so devastating to our economy as a state that I fear I would have to move to another state and leave my roots behind. Please reconsider closing the New London submarine base... we really need it. In many ways, it is the heart of Connecticut. Please feel free to contact me if you need to.

With warm regards,

Sue Carter

43 Short Street

Shelton, CT 06484

(203) 929-7499

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# KENYON MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.

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National BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
Arlington, VA 22202

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Dear Commissioners:

The selection of the U.S. Naval Base in Groton, CT does not come as a surprise to me. There has been an on-going push to increase the size of the presence of both the surface, amphibious and submarine fleets in Virginia. The number of Naval officers who have worked and lived in the Norfolk area compared to the New London-Groton area would seemingly lead a greater support base in the Navy's hierarchy in favor of the State of Virginia.

Holding the same thought process, the U.S. Navy opposed sole sourcing submarine building to the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics based in Groton, CT in favor of helping Newport News Shipbuilding to get into the business. The State of Virginia wants it all and the Navy seems to be cooperating to its fullest allowable extent. Electric Boat was forced to share all of the advanced submarine design that it developed through the years so that Newport News could be more competitive. Is this indicative of free enterprise? I wish someone would subsidize my business to the same extent!

The free enterprise system does not exist when it comes to the recent history of the leadership of the U.S. Navy.

Loosing the Naval Base in Groton will also lead to the demise of the repair facilities at the Base and at the Electric Boat yard. That is the ultimate goal whether or not the Navy or the Commission admits it. I am becoming bitter and disgusted with the increasing politically motivated decisions.

We lost the U.S. Naval Underwater Warfare Center (NUWC) which was established in CT. and many years later a facility in Rhode Island. The decision to close the NUWC in New London, CT was to save money. The facilities in RI later proved to be much more costly than estimated by the U.S. Navy. This was also deliberate and political.

The recommendation to close the U.S. Naval Submarine Base in Groton is unfair and biased. It will have a significant negative effect on the population of this area.

Please allow full access and time for the our area representative to review the entire data base of information used in the Navy's decision so that any flaws can be discovered. This will allow the Commission to fully explore the action and true impact.

# KENYON MECHANICAL SERVICES, INC.

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It was ironic that the same week the government announced that the BRAC Commission recommendation would save \$50 Billion over the next 20 years, there was a request from Congress for \$50 Billion for this year for the war in Iraq.

Sincerely, 

Wesley P. Kenyon

61 Mendingwall Circle  
Madison, CT 06443  
May 21, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and  
Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Sir:

I am a resident of Connecticut and it is hard for me to believe that this committee would close the sub base. I would think that you would want to have bases throughout the country in order to avoid a single attack on a consolidated base. It appears that you are leaving the Northeast without consideration of a 'Pearl Harbor' type of a situation. Secondly, I would think that you would want to maintain economic stability in a region also. My understanding that the Northeast will suffer the most economically under this proposal.

I would hope that you would reconsider the Groton sub base and let it remain open for both the security of the country and the economic benefits to the Northeast.

Thank you,

  
Walter Cochran

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Teresa Mead  
P.O. Box 428  
Quinebaug, CT 06262

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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Re: Base Closures- New London Sub Base

Ladies and Gentlemen:

As a Connecticut resident and the spouse of a retiree, I support Governor Rell's efforts to keep the New London Sub Base open. I wish to make you are aware that Connecticut is already suffering hardships economically. While other parts of the country may have seen some recovery from recession, we have not. Storefront spaces remain empty, businesses fail, farms fail and the local fiscal budget battles are fierce. As many as one third of families cannot afford to send their children on the traditional middle school trip to Washington DC this year alone.

Several installations in New England have already closed and we need the remaining jobs and the revenue from them. In addition, the retirees need to be able to take advantage of the services offered at military bases. As it stands now, we have to travel more than one hour just to get our ID cards renewed. Closing New London will make it unfeasible for many of our veterans to take advantage of the services they need and were promised. With additional closures, I and others feel we will lose even the sense that our Government cares for us and wishes to protect us in the event of another attack on our nation.

My friends, family and I voted for President Bush in both of his presidential elections and we support his work in Iraq. I hope and pray that he will help and support us in our time of need.

Sincerely,



Teresa Mead

P.S. I attempted to send this letter electronically but the code 'Illegal character entry' came up when I reached the choice of installation line and I was not able to send it.

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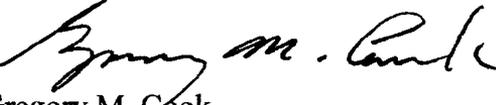
**RE: Groton, Connecticut Sub Base**

Dear General Newton:

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June 27, 2005

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16 June 2005

To: Anthony Principi, Chairman  
Base Realignment & Closure Commission

From: Connecticut's Business Leaders

Subject: **Save the U.S. Submarine Base — New London**



We the undersigned business leaders join in expressing our concern that the proposed closing of U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London in Connecticut is clearly not in the strategic military, federal budgetary or national economic interests of our nation. We do so with profound doubts about the fairness, objectivity and thoroughness of the process that led to this recommendation but renewed trust in the work of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission.

We respectfully submit that:

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- Commercial transportation, research and development, skilled workforce and related high technology in the U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London region are also unduplicated at any identified relocation site.
- The direct federal costs of closure and environmental remediation, relocation, recreation of related infrastructure, services and amenities has been vastly underestimated and otherwise largely ignored.
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- The economic impact will be devastating, with the loss conservatively estimated at \$3.3 billion and 31,500 jobs that would double the regional unemployment rate.

We therefore welcome the independent review of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and respectfully urge you to reject the recommendation for closure of U.S. Naval Submarine Base New London and reconstitution at a site without comparable "jointness and interconnectivity" at net additional cost to our national, federal defense budget, service families and economy.



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**Bridgeport Regional Business Council**

**Associated General Contractors of Connecticut**

**Berlin Chamber of Commerce**

**Branford Chamber of Commerce**

**The Business Council of Fairfield County (SACIA)**

**The Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce**

**Chamber of Commerce of Southeastern Connecticut**

**Connecticut Association of Realtors (CAR)**

**Connecticut Bankers Association**

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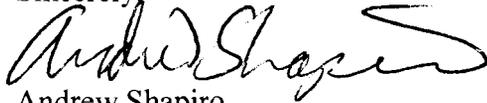
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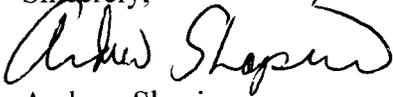
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May 27, 2005

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Donald F. McNurlin, MM2 (SS) USN  
17 Edison Drive  
Groton, CT 06340

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Donald McNurlin and my letter concerns the selection of Naval Submarine Base New London for base closure. It is my opinion that SUBASE NLON is not of any significant tactical value. Its location is ill-suited for rapid, wartime response should a foreign threat approach American shores by sea. The shipping lane restrictions in the departure from SUBASE NLON by sea prevent a rapid deployment of forces should they need to be scrambled. If a terrorist faction such as al Qaeda were to use demolition charges to collapse the bridges for I-95 or Amtrak that cross the Thames River, the assets located at SUBASE NLON would be rendered useless. Relocation of these assets is imperative to provide a better response to the growing threats located worldwide.

Furthermore, it is a known fact that the local businesses have done very little to support the active duty military members that are stationed at SUBASE NLON. Local stores provide no military discounts to speak of, and there are more complaints about the men and women serving on SUBASE NLON than there are words of support. It is also a known fact that the government in the state of Connecticut has provided little, if any, financial support for the facility whereas both the states of Virginia and Georgia provide a substantial amount of financial support for their military facilities. This is another crucial factor to consider in your decision, especially since military spending is at an all-time high. We need our federal tax dollars used in the ongoing development of weapons used to counter terrorist threats, not in the maintenance of state-owned, government-leased properties.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please consider my letter in your decision to close SUBASE NLON.

Sincerely,



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May 31, 2005

The Honorable James H. Bilbray  
BRAC Commission  
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Arlington, VA 22202

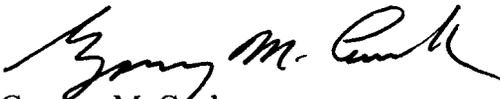
**RE: Groton, Connecticut Sub Base**

Dear Congressman Bilbray:

It is with shock and dismay that I heard of the Pentagon's recommendation to close the Submarine Base in Groton, CT. Have we learned nothing since the tragedy of 9/11? While I understand the need to streamline our military out of a concern for both cost and efficiency, it seems fool-hearty to do away with assets which will be heavily depended upon in the years to come, and in the process, disperse the incredible engineering talent pool at GDEB.

While I understand that many military bases are redundant, in the case of our entire submarine fleet, I don't understand the concept of putting too many eggs in too few baskets. I urge you to keep an open mind to whatever new information the Connecticut Sub Base Realignment Coalition submits to you, so that you can make the right decision.

Sincerely,

  
Gregory M. Cook

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May 16, 2005

The National BRAC Commission  
2521 South Clark Street  
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen. I am not sure you fully realize that if the Groton, Connecticut Submarine base closes the negative ramifications far outweigh positive. The three billion dollar economic blow this area would suffer is incomprehensible. I've heard reports that the area would recover. This recovery might well take ten years; unfortunately many people will suffer in the interim. Also, from a military perspective, it's just not wise to put all our submarines in two places on the East Coast. I've heard it asked: "Didn't we learn anything from Pearl Harbor"?

I have been a residence of this great state of Connecticut for ten years now. I take great pride in our military base. I also take great pride in the local people who help operate the base. There are so many people who would be affected by the closure. I'm sure you realize that everyone from Doctors to the bagger at the grocery store and the cashier at the fast food place would be affected.

This base has historical, economical and above all else strategic importance. The base must remain open.

Thank you for your time.



Sharon Gordon  
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May 21, 2005

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To Whom It May Concern:

Closing the Groton, Ct. sub base would not only be devastating to the economy of the area, but, of more concern to us is the potential impact that such a closure would have on the security of our nation. If you reduce the number of bases, you will make it easier for terrorists to concentrate their destructive efforts on fewer targets. The more bases we have, the harder it would be for them to attack all of them.

Also, the advantages of keeping the Groton Base include the proximity of Electric Boat for construction, maintenance, and repairs, and the proximity of the Coast Guard Academy has to be a security advantage.

Please consider the above facts in the making of your final decision as to base closures.

Sincerely,

Dr. & Mrs. Martin Rosol  
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Date 7/24/05

Dear BRAC Commission Members,

I respectfully ask you to reverse the recommendation of the Secretary of Defense regarding closure of the New London Sub Base.

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Thank you for your work and your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Name JONATHAN J. SLOCUM

Signature Jonathan J. Slocum

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Date July 5 2005

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Signature [Handwritten Signature]  
Address 55 Quarry Rd  
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Date July 25, 2003

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