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National BRAC Commission
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear BRAC Commission,

The Waterford Hotel Group operates nine hotels in the Southeastern Connecticut region, which employ over 600 associates. These properties combined have 1,023 rooms. Government related revenue is an integral part of our business. In the past three years, our properties have generated \$11.3 million in government revenues.

The Groton Submarine Base is an anchor for our community, closing this base would be detrimental to the region as well as the State. In addition, the synergy between the U.S. Submarine Base and General Dynamics/Electric Boat would be severed and would further impact this region. We strongly urge you to reconsider your recommendation on the closure of the U.S. Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terrence Bickhardt', written in a cursive style.

Terrence Bickhardt
President
Hotel Operations, Sales and Marketing

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May 31, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
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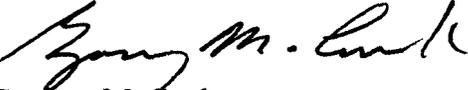
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The National BRAC Commission
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To Whom It May Concern:

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.

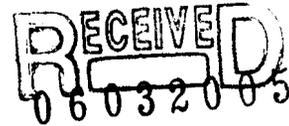
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Ed Bartelli, Inc.

Mechanical Contractor



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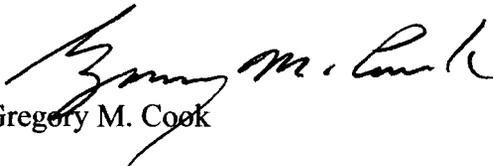
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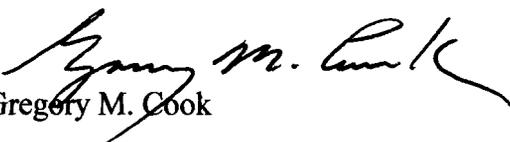
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Dear Sirs,

We are residents of Groton, CT and my husband is a Cmdr. USNR RET. He served for 3 years on a destroyer out of Newport, RI & 18 years in the Reserves.

Our concerns about the closing of Sub Base New London are:

1. The Base has been at its present site in Groton for over 96 years and there is so much contamination buried on the Base that the cost of cleaning it up for civilian use will be prohibitive. We are afraid that the Defense Dept. hasn't even come close to adequately figuring the costs related to that process.
 2. That the northeastern section of the country will be without military protection in the case of a terrorist attack on Boston or New York or anywhere in between. Also, submarines from Sub Base New London can get to Asia faster than subs from GA or VA because they can go under the polar ice cap if they are needed in the Pacific.
 3. That putting all submarines in the area of Georgia & Virginia is asking for another Pearl Harbor situation where a large number of ships were wiped out which crippled that Base. They should be spread out for security reasons. Those Bases are vulnerable to the Atlantic and Sub Base New London is "protected" by being up the Thames River.
 4. That millions of dollars have already been spent in upgrading or modernizing Sub Base New London in the past 3 years which would be wasted money if the Base is closed. Examples are the demolition of old useless buildings, new entry security gates, renovations of barracks, upgrading of the waterfront, and much more.
 5. That having surface ships in Norfolk, and submarines in King's Bay, GA & New London make more sense than splitting up the submarine Force.
 6. We realize that the following is not a TOP PRIORITY for the BRAC Commission but never-the-less; Thousands of military retirees of all services will be deprived of the medical facilities that they use on a regular basis, not to mention the Commissary, Exchange & Fitness Center. We moved to Groton from NW Connecticut 5 years ago to be near the Base facilities to help us stretch our modest retirement incomes further. These benefits were promised to my husband when he agreed to serve in the military for 20 years. Many of the retirees in the area are physically not able to use other military medical facilities in New Haven or Newport, RI which would be the other options if the Base closes.
 7. There is a VERY CLOSE synergy between the Submarine Base & Electric Boat Shipyard. This should be a very big consideration when making a decision to close the Base. They can deploy those subs much faster after building them or repairing them because they are so close to each other.
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May 30th, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600
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Re: Submarine Base New London / Groton Connecticut

Dear BRAC,

As someone who grew up in Southeastern Connecticut, I knew many people who built and rode in the submarines that helped win the Cold War. As a child living on River Road in Bozrah, we had a Navy family neighbor for a few years, who moved here after living in Scotland and before moving to Hawaii. They were our window to the much larger World than what we experienced. We learned from them about patriotism and sacrifice and knew their hardships. While the rest of us celebrated Birthdays, Christmas and Thanksgiving with our Dads. Their Dad was literally at the bottom of some undisclosed sea protecting our life style and freedoms.

Living in New London County, there was always a face and often a family behind the concept of supporting our troops. We felt a special attachment to the military. So many of our young men would step into the EB shipyards to built submarines after stepping off the stage with their High School diplomas. There was a special bond between the men who built the subs and the young men who rode in them. They worked together against a Cold War superpower and the laws of deep ocean physics which are totaling unforgiving. This was a relationship with no margin of error and a requirement of total trust.

Now our Pentagon tells us that we need a smaller military despite our growing responsibilities around the Globe; that the bond between builder and protector has no value and that our bases should be concentrated in one region of our country.

They are wrong on all points. First, the worst nightmare of our Groton submarine builders has always been building a submarine that would succumb to the pressures of the ocean deep or the enemy. They never wanted to let down the men who rode the subs or their families, many of whom lived just up the river from the shipyard. The Groton bond between builder and protector has no leaks. Second, while we all wish for a World that required a smaller military, any smart evaluation of the World condition yields a different answer.

Finally, what we will miss most if the base is closed, is that our children will be living in a country divided between Red states with military bases and Blue states mostly without bases or military connection. People in Red states will be patriotic due to their military connection while any military connection will be so totally divorced from our children's experience it will be difficult for them to understand what we all learned – the importance of a strong national defense and an admiration for those who sacrifice to make it happen.

Unfortunately, the Pentagon Planners do not calculate this human condition or the costs of dividing our country. It's much easier to calculate that gas is cheaper in Texas or housing is less expensive in Georgia. Our children may not see sacrifice for their country close up or be able to thank a group of young Navy guys for their service at The Mall. That submarine on TV will not be built by the guy next door and the old retired Navy guys won't come back to Groton like birds migrating home. It will be our loss and our Nation's loss if this special base isn't saved.

Best Regards,

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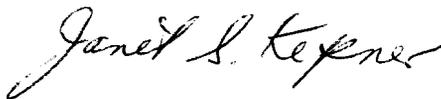
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Middletown, CT, 06457

8. Last, but certainly not least. If Submarine Base New London is closed, the State of CT could lose about 30,000 jobs which could mean up to a 10% unemployment particularly in South Eastern CT. Military families work in the area, military children go to the local public schools which will mean the layoff of teachers, non-military people who live in the area work at the Base in many capacities including the Commissary, Exchange, Fitness Center, Barbershops, Family Help Center, MWR, Retired Activities Office, VA Office, let alone those who do the work on the Subs themselves. The losses of these jobs alone will be disastrous to these people and the area. Then, there are many businesses from other parts of the state that support the Submarines in some capacity or other. This area had just rebounded a bit from the extremely depressed state that it was in for many years after the mills all closed & moved south where it was cheaper for the companies. The closure of Sub Base New London would throw the region into a worse depression than it has ever seen before. True, something civilian can take over the Base property but it will take many years & millions, maybe billions, of dollars to get that property in a condition where it would be usable for anything other than military.

Since you have recently been to the Base and seen for yourselves that it is in very good shape, has plenty of pier space to add even more boats & that millions of dollars have already been spent on upgrading it and are continuing to be spent on upgrading it, we URGE you to find that Submarine Base New London does, in fact, have military value and economic value and take it off of the BRAC list for closure. In fact, we would strongly suggest that you consider realignment for the Base by moving submarines from Norfolk, VA to Groton, CT and having Groton & Kings Bay be the East Coast Submarine Bases and Norfolk be the surface ship port. Since Sub Base New London already has the facilities built, it would save millions of dollars by not having to re-build all of the facilities at Kings Bay; piers, housing, bigger Commissary, Exchange & Medical facilities, the outstanding Sub School, recreational facilities, etc. etc. etc. They are already right here! Why waste all of that money? It WILL cost more to move everything from Groton to GA than to move some more subs to Groton and use the wonderful facilities that we already have in place.

Thank you for listening to our plea.

Sincerely,



Janet S. Kepner (Mrs. Charles D. Kepner, Jr. CMDR. USNR RET)
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June 3, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi and Honorable Members:

The East Lyme Democratic Town Committee would like to express its deep concern and dismay regarding the preliminary decision to close the Naval Submarine Base in Groton, Connecticut.

We feel that this decision would not only deliver a devastating blow to the regional economy, but would necessitate unreasonable expenditures at the federal level to replicate, in Georgia or Virginia, facilities already existing in Groton. In particular, the close proximity of the submarine training facility to Electric Boat allows for a tremendous economy of both time and money, as crews are able to train concurrently with the construction or refitting of their vessels.

We understand that the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission members face an extremely difficult task. We know that each community will try to make a strong case for their own critical role in defending the nation, as well as the inevitable disruption to their economy. What we ask is that the decision be made fairly, on the basis of a legitimate assessment of existing conditions and the need for future investment.

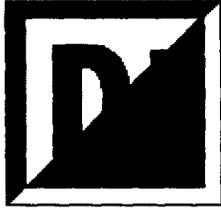
In recent days, members of the Commission have had the opportunity to visit the Groton facility, and to view for themselves the many advantages this location offers. They have also been able to witness the tremendous support the sub base has among the citizens of the region. This summer they will hear expert testimony from many representatives of our community. We trust that the Commissioners will give due consideration to the facts presented in reaching a conclusion that is right for the region and for the nation.

We thank the members for their dedication to our country.

Sincerely,



Barbara Jo McGrath, Secretary
East Lyme Democratic Town Committee



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May 5, 2005

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General Lloyd Warren Newton
USAF (Ret)
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Dear General Newton:

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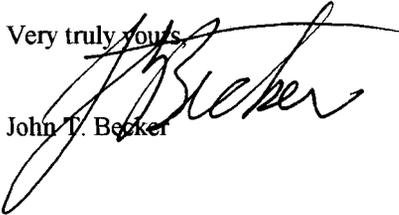
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Very truly yours,


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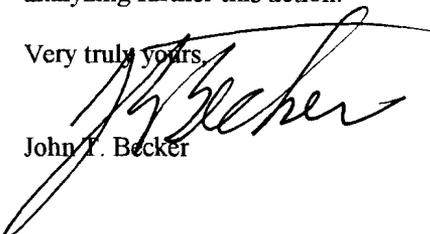
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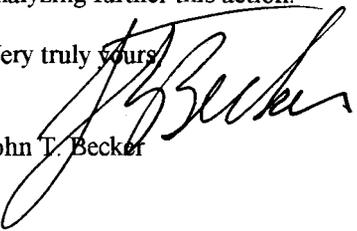
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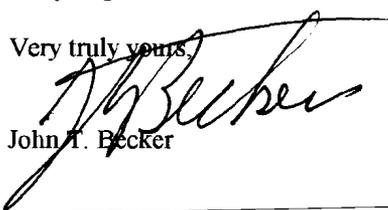
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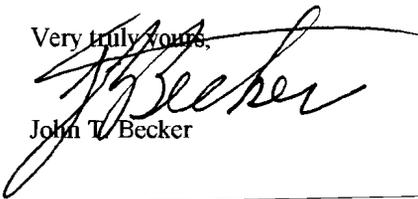
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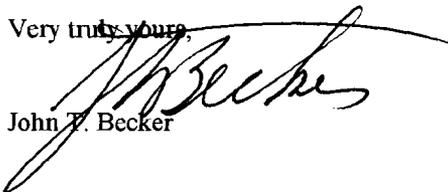
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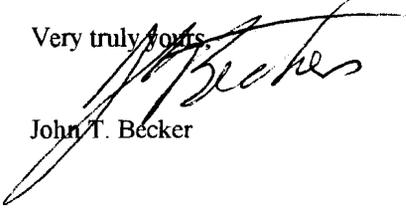
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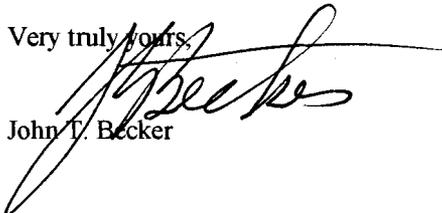
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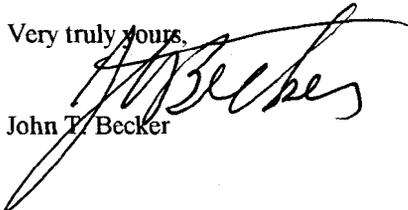
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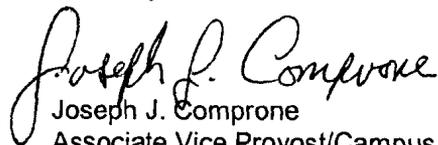
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The staff and faculty at UConn Avery Point, as well as at the main campus in Storrs, provide education and advising to Navy and National Guard personnel, veterans, and their families and dependents, supplying the area with UConn-educated military and civilian engineers, researchers, and other personnel, including supplying the Sub Base and Electric Boat in Groton with highly-educated personnel. At this time there are 51 veterans at UConn Avery Point enrolled under the GI Bill. Others are enrolled using tuition assistance for active military or federal employees (30 enrolled from Fall 2004 to Spring 2005); participating in the CT Tuition Waiver program (about 10 enrolled from Fall 2004 to Spring 2005); and many others, including dependents, not participating in any tuition assistance program at all. The Navy also has used the gym and pool facilities at Avery Point for training exercises. The campus also serves as a public park to all area population, affording open views of Long Island and Fishers Island Sounds, and offering paths and lawns for walking and resting.

In sum I would like to reiterate the abundance of advantages to both sides due to the connection between the personnel and families of a military installation and the educational, economic, and recreational resources of its host city. I hope the relationship that exists between UConn and the Sub Base in Groton will continue for many years.

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