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The Honorable Anthony Principi, Chair Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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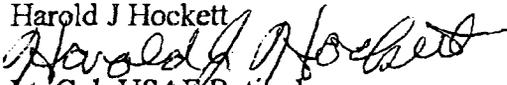
Dear Mr. Principi:

I wish to express my support for the BRAC recommendations made by the Secretary Of Defense to create a Naval Integrated Weapons and Armaments RDAT&E Center at China Lake and to realign the Sensors, Electronic Warfare and Electronics RDAT&E from Point Mugu to China Lake. These forward looking recommendations fully support the Secretary's goals to position the country's base infrastructure to meet our armed forces transformation needs for the 21st century.

Our community is looking forward to the arrival of the uniformed and civilian employees and support contractors. Ridgecrest, California and Kern County, hosts for the Naval Air Weapons Station, have already made the necessary long-term infrastructure investments in anticipation of growth, and plans are in place to support the new arrivals.

We are a Navy town that supports our base and its users from our own services and our allies. I urge your approval of the Secretary's recommendations Regarding China Lake.

Harold J Hockett



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