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BRAC Commission

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Mr. Anthony Principi, Chairman
Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi:

I am concerned about the BRAC Commission's vote to add Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach to your list for possible closure. It is my understanding that one of the main reasons for this decision is the civilian encroachment around Oceana NAS and Fentress Naval Air Landing Field, compounded by a lack of confidence in the commitment of the surrounding cities to restrain such further development.

I fully understand and appreciate your concerns, but at the same time my colleagues and I want to protect and maintain the military presence at Oceana Naval Air Station. Therefore, we are prepared to take the unusual step of legislatively mandating certain land-use controls on the Cities of Chesapeake and Virginia Beach so that there will be no doubt that these actions will be taken to protect the integrity of Oceana NAS and Fentress Naval Air Landing Field. These legislative remedies have been enumerated by Delegate Terrie Suit, so I will not list them again. I am confident you will see majority support from the Virginia General Assembly for these legislative proposals.

Because we are willing to take these unprecedented legislative steps to maintain the Oceana Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, I trust that your Commission will take our appeals to you seriously and allow the Oceana NAS to remain open.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Parrish
50th House District

cc: U. S. Senator John Warner
U. S. Senator George Allen
U. S. Congressman Randy Forbes
U. S. Congresswoman Thelma Drake
U. S. Congressman Frank Wolf
Governor Mark Warner
Delegate Terrie Suit