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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi, Chair
2005 Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

Our organization, a nonprofit corporation made up entirely of volunteers serving our community, supports 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. We believe these recommendations are in full accord with the Secretary Rumsfeld's goals to make the military base infrastructure both more efficient and effective.

We are looking forward to the arrival of the uniformed and civilian employees and support contractors and are planning services to help them settle into our community. Our city, Ridgecrest California has already made long-term infrastructure investments in anticipation of growth, and plans are in place to support the new arrivals.

Ridgecrest is a Navy town that supports our base in appreciation of the outstanding products and services delivered to the Navy, other services and our allies. I urge your approval of the Secretary's recommendations regarding China Lake.