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Chairman Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Chairman
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Dear Chairman Principi:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in Atlanta before the BRAC commission. Based on solid data, the Navy made the right choice for America by adding new missions to Submarine Base Kings Bay. We fully support the Navy decision and know this is the right move from both a National Security and an economic standpoint.

We have been briefed on some of the testimony from the Boston hearings which causes concern. The proposal from the New London community to move nine SSN submarines from Norfolk to Groton is disconcerting. We are concerned that any plan for locating all of our SSNs at a single East Coast location invites excess risk. While it appears such a late realignment has no merit under the BRAC proceedings as we understand them, we are strongly against any plan which would put all our eggs in the same basket.

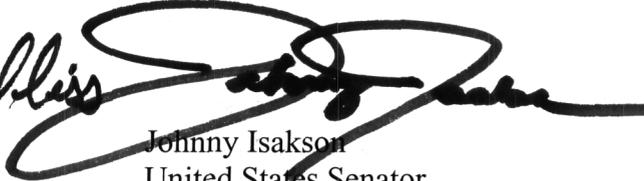
As you know, Kings Bay has the capacity to grow and can accommodate all types of submarines to include SSNs. The Navy has done great diligence in using the BRAC process to project the force out 20 years. We fully support these recommendations. The Navy plan fully accommodates today's fleet, makes the most efficient basing decisions for the projected force structure, and still allows for future growth.

We look forward to any future visits and dialogue with your staff, and hope you will keep us advised of new developments particular to Submarine Base Kings Bay.

Sincerely,


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