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Mr. Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commissioner
Polk Building, Suite 600 and 625
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Dear Mr. Anthony J. Principi:

The The Portsmouth Shipyard is extremely important to the town of Kittery and the Seacoast region. If you do decide to close the shipyard, you will be firing almost 4,500 people. Most of them would have to move away. If this happens the entire economy of Kittery and surrounding towns would suffer. I've got a lot of friends who have lived on the base before who had to move away. For instance, my friend Tyler lived on the base four years ago and moved to Tennessee and now he's living in Italy. If the base closes I won't have the opportunity to make more friends like Tyler.

This town had to go through this in 1964. It took 7 yrs. to get off the closure list. I don't think we should have to go through this again. Mr. Principi, if you do close the yard, what will happen to the shipyard? Would you leave the shipyard empty? Would people be allowed to live on the base? If you do close the base, all the pressure will fall on the Maine government's shoulders to come up with an idea of what to do with the shipyard's land.

From an angered seventh grader,

Jay Cuttle

