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Mr. Anthony J. Principi
Chairman
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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Dear Chairman Principi and Commissioners:

We, the undersigned members of the Kauai County Council, hereby enlist our support in the continuing operations of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. This facility is strategically located to provide security of the Asia-Pacific region of our nation and is vital for Hawaii's economy where the shipyard employs 5,000 citizens and 4,550 other jobs are dependent on the existence of the shipyard.

The closure of this facility will be devastating for both the safety and economy of Hawaii as well as our nation. We urge that you consider the continued existence of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard on O'ahu as the homeland defense capabilities could be severely impacted.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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