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Honorable Anthony Principi, Chair
 Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Honorable Principi:

Please accept this letter as full support from this federal credit union for the recommendations of the BRAC Commission made by the Secretary of Defense to create a Naval Integrated Weapons and Armaments RDAT&E Center at China Lake, California. Furthermore, this letter fully supports realigning the Sensors, Electronic Warfare and Electronics RDAT&E from Point Mugu, California to the Center at China Lake. The successful execution of these recommendations clearly supports the Secretary's goals to position this country's base infrastructure to meet our armed forces transformation needs for the twenty first century while reallocating precious taxpayer defense dollars to more prudent aims.

Speaking on behalf of our over twenty thousand members of this federal credit union who live and work in the community that depends upon the China Lake RDAT&E Center, we eagerly look forward to the arrival of the dedicated military and civilian personnel and the related-work contractors who would come to China Lake and the Ridgecrest surrounding community with the execution of these above recommendations. As the primary financial institution of the naval installation with a service presence on the Center, we can assure the Commission that our community is fully prepared to capably handle this influx of new workers and residents. This federal credit union also pledges to be of affordable financial assistance to this expanded China Lake workforce as well as the related workforce that comes in conjunction with this assigned relocation. Finally, we are eager to provide workforce-centric financing to allow the transferring arrivals an excellent new housing opportunity.

Our community and this federal credit union are patriotic supporters of the China Lake naval installation and its workforce; yesterday, today and tomorrow. I firmly urge your solid approval of the Defense Secretary's recommendations regarding the alignment and relocation of work to the China Lake Center.

Respectfully yours,

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