

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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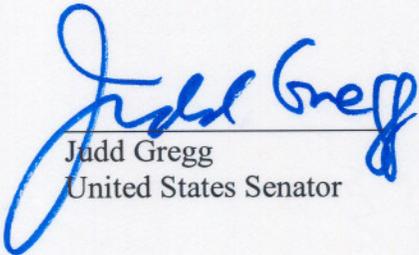
General Lloyd Warren Newton
BRAC Commission
521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioner Newton:

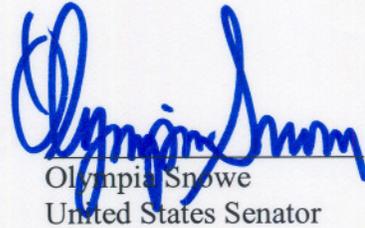
We understand that in accordance to Base Closure and Realignment statutes and the Commission's internal guidelines, each facility recommended for closure by the Department of Defense will be visited by one or more members of the Commission. We look forward to this visit and hope that each and every one of you will be able to visit and see first hand why the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the best.

We plan to accompany the Commissioners on their tour of the Shipyard, as we take pride in this integral component to our national security, our submarine force, and the region. We look forward to your response.

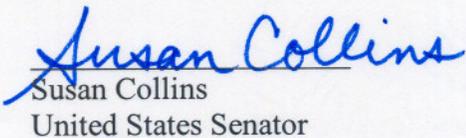
Sincerely,



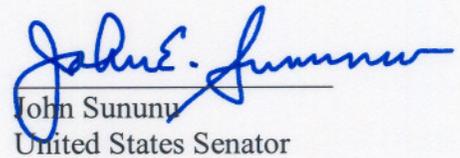
Judd Gregg
United States Senator



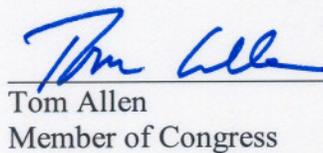
Olympia Snowe
United States Senator



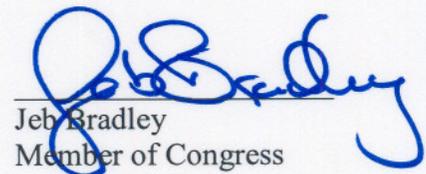
Susan Collins
United States Senator



John Sununu
United States Senator



Tom Allen
Member of Congress



Jeb Bradley
Member of Congress