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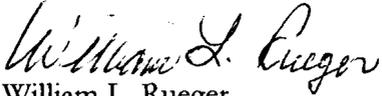
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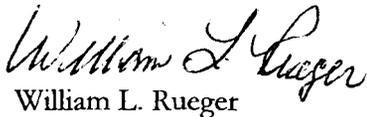
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The OLF: Regrettably, the new OLF proposed for Washington County, North Carolina, has run into very tough sledding in the courts and in communities throughout North Carolina. CCAJN believes, along with the Navy, that the new OLF is an absolute minimum requirement to justify the introduction of Super Hornet operations in Hampton Roads.

Indeed, the construction and operation of an OLF – which would remove much of the environmental impact from this area – was an essential element of CCAJN's support for the 8-2 split of Super Hornet squadrons between Oceana and MCAS Cherry Point.

Unfortunately, the prospect for the new outlying field has dimmed recently and there has been no visible support for the field from Hampton Roads local political bodies.

For these reasons, and others, which CCAJN would be pleased to present during the 2005 BRAC process, CCAJN requests that you seriously consider a realignment scenario for NAS Oceana as an integral part of your deliberation.

With Best Regards, I am,


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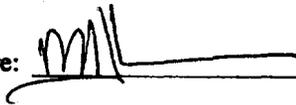
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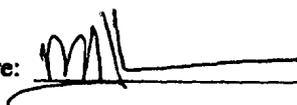
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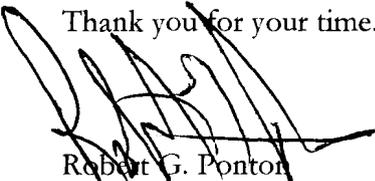
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Two major advantages to **NOT INCLUDE Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana** are paramount in my mind:

1. The quality of life for the service men and women and their families here in Virginia Beach is unsurpassed. With the military retention and recruiting challenges in this present day and age, quality of life has a huge impact on force structure and strength and cannot be underestimated.
2. NAS Oceana's location in close proximity to Norfolk aircraft carriers is a force multiplier enhancing coordination, planning and execution of military tasking.

You have my permission to use this letter in your considerations. If additional information is required, I may be reached at email rgponton@firstcommand.com or phone number 757.431.1062.

Thank you for your time.


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- Less than one tenth of one percent of the citizenry is actively opposed to Oceana operations.
- The pilots have unrestricted use of the massive training area off the coast of Virginia/North Carolina that is under sole control of the Navy and which cannot be duplicated anywhere in the country.
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In summary, the Naval Air Station Oceana is a unique training environment that provides a high quality of life for navy men and women and their families. With retention as a continuing challenge, the amenities of family life available in Virginia Beach are outstanding and vital to Navy families. To replace the operation and human services of the base and its surrounding community would take DoD resources that would be better spent on the war on terror.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M.J. Barrett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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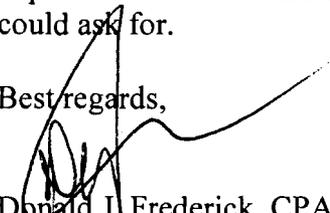
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I believe the best interest of our national defense, the City of Virginia Beach, and the federal budget are best served leaving Oceana alone. I live at the oceanfront, and experience the air traffic firsthand as it crosses over my roof. It's the sweetest sound I could ask for.

Best regards,


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Sirs:

As one of thousands of Virginia Beach residents adversely affected by the jet noise from NAS Oceana I strongly encourage you to pursue investigating alternate siting for the squadrons based there. I realize the Pentagon "spared" the base but it is my opinion that that was a mistake.

Although I admit bias due to the negative effects the jets have on the quality of life for me, I nonetheless believe an objective assessment of the base and its impact would result in a decision to realign its operations. The Virginia Beach city council has repeatedly ignored the counsel of the Navy regarding development, and consequently the base is now in a totally compromised position. That notwithstanding, the Navy (i.e., the federal government) shares a great deal of culpability in the situation. Constant warnings from the Navy did nothing to dissuade the city of Virginia Beach from continuing to hem in NAS Oceana. At the same time, however, the Navy did nothing concrete to prevent it, e.g., allocating funds to purchase land to provide a buffer.

Now it is too late, and the best recourse is realignment to relieve both the city and the Navy of further issues. If the goal of the BRAC proceedings is to reduce costs and make better use of taxpayers' dollars realigning Oceana meets that goal. On several occasions the Navy has publicly stated that it can no longer provide optimal training at NAS Oceana due to flight restrictions and noise abatement. My question is this: If the Navy acknowledges NAS Oceana fails to meet training requirements, why is it so intent on maintaining the base as its so-called East Coast master jet base? Admitting the training pilots receive is sub-optimal but wanting to continue that training is both counterproductive and counterintuitive, not to mention a blatant waste of taxpayer money.

I urge the committee members seriously to consider a thorough search for an alternate site for the fighter squadrons based at NAS Oceana. Moreover, while the Pentagon and Navy maintain a search was conducted but proved unfruitful, I am not convinced a truly exhaustive effort was mounted. For instance, claiming one possible site was "too far from the Atlantic Fleet" seems at best disingenuous since distance was not a consideration when the Navy consolidated all its remaining F-14 squadrons — including those assigned to West Coast carriers — at NAS Oceana.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

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Dear Commissioner Hill:

I am a retired bank executive and have been involved on numerous education and community service boards. I have resided in Virginia Beach for over 50 years in the vicinity of NAS Oceana. I currently live in the 65+ d/B zone, or approximately four miles from the base.

Severe jet noise was not a factor until the F/A-18 Hornet squadrons were relocated to Oceana from Cecil Field, Florida in 1998. The noise problem continues to increase as much noisier Super Hornets join the fleet to replace the F-14 Tomcats and aging C/D model Hornets. I have recorded decibel levels in excess of 95 d/Bs outside of my house and 65 d/Bs inside. I know you are aware that jet noise can cause hypertension, sleep deprivation, irritability, and perhaps learning distractions affecting our children.

When relating the noise factor with adverse environmental impact and accident risk, it is apparent that the largest Master Jet Base on the East Coast is incompatibly situated in Virginia's largest city. Over 120,000 residents of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake live under the 65 d/B noise umbrella.

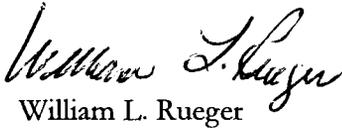
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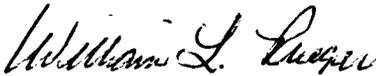
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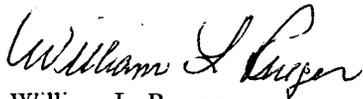
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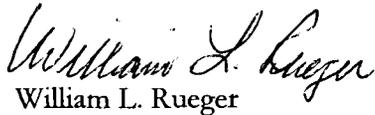
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The Honorable Mr. Anthony Principi,
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Dear Honorable Chairman Principi:

Citizens Concerned about Jet Noise (CCAJN) formally requests sanctioned participation in the August 1, 2005 visit of BRAC Commissioners to Virginia Beach, VA , and most important, at the hearing in Washington, DC on August 10, 2005.

A small group of CCAJN board members would like to meet with the visiting Commissioners when they come to NAS Oceana. **Our former Chairman, and still one of our board members, John Shick, Capt., USN (ret.) requests the opportunity to testify during the August 10th hearing.**

CCAJN is a seven year old community action organization of over 5,000 members. The group speaks for many thousands of residents living in the high noise zones of Virginia Beach and Chesapeake. **CCAJN believes the Oceana/BRAC process would be incomplete and not sufficiently balanced if the organization were not afforded these opportunities.**

Both Capt. John Shick, USN (ret.) and I served on the Mayor's Super Hornet Commission for two years and participated as "stakeholders" in the JLUS meeting format. Clearly, we have specific information and expertise in areas which are of interest to the 2005 Defense BRAC Commission.

I will also contact Senator Warner's office with this request, but remind you he is a long-time opponent of our positions on NAS Oceana. Thus, I am making this direct appeal to you. I can be reached directly at 757-639-4968 or CCAJN board member Hal Levenson can be reached at 757-496-0745.

We look forward to hearing from you, or a member of your staff in the near future.

With Highest Respect, I am


Kimberly Johnson
CCAJN Chairwoman

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Angela Richardson
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July 21, 2005

BRAC Commission

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to you concerning the closing of Oceana NAS. As a private citizen, I believe that the closure of Oceana could seriously jeopardize our safety. If we lose Oceana, it will leave a large area unprotected. Many have forgotten that we are at war and we can't afford to leave our naval ships or coastline open to ANYTHING. If we take away the jet protection, we may as well send out an invitation to terrorists telling them to "visit Norfolk naval bases and do it by way of the shoreline-they have no protection. While you're at it, take your time; the jets will be coming from Georgia". The whole idea of leaving that area unprotected is ludicrous. It should also be remembered that our nation's capitol is in close proximity, and many of you and your families work and live in Washington D.C. and surrounding areas. The jets from Oceana could be there in a moment's notice, if needed. Wouldn't you rather feel protected?

I lived in the Virginia Beach area six years ago and will be moving there again. I can tell you that as far as the noise complaints, only a small percentage of the residents feel this way. They are more of a nuisance than anything. As far as the encroachment, I'm sure the federal government can work out a way to stop it. This base has been around longer than most of these people have owned their houses. As important as all of those issues are, they pale in comparison to our nation's safety. I ask that you please reconsider closing Oceana.

Sincerely,



Angela Richardson

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Re: NAS Oceana

Dear Chairman Principi,

As I understand it you are from or have lived in San Diego area. The impact of closing NAS Oceana to this area would be devastating. It would have the same impact or be the equivalent of closing MCAS Miramar and NAS North Island in San Diego. The only difference being that San Diego could survive something like that whereas Virginia Beach would not recover from something like this for decades.

San Diego has the luxury of being a high tech community along with being known as a popular Bio-tech headquarters area.

The Virginia Beach/Hampton Roads area is booming for one reason only and that is the Military presence. The love and appreciation we have for the Military here you would be hard pressed to find elsewhere in the US. I have been fortunate enough to have been selling to the Military for a very long time, in markets all over the country. This area has got to be one of the most Military friendly area I have traveled to.

A few other points are:

- Less than one tenth of one percent of the citizenry is actively opposed to Oceana operations.
- An independent research firm that asked the citizens of Virginia Beach whether jet noise was a reason they were unhappy with their decision to select where they live, a total of 1.5% responded yes.
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- The encroachment issue has been proactively addressed through a recently completed Joint Land Use Study and the Airport Zoning Ordinance.

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- Oceana's location next to the majority of the east coast aircraft carriers is advantageous from a military standpoint and it allows service personnel to spend more time with their families.
- The City of Virginia Beach has invested \$202 million in transportation improvements around NAS Oceana during the last 10 years.
- The city relocated two elementary schools from the APZ following the 1993 BRAC round.
- During the 1995 BRAC, NAS Oceana was ranked #1 Navy/Marine Corps air station in military value.

Please reconsider your recent decision to add NAS Oceana to the BRAC list. I am...

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Giannascoli". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of the last name being a large, prominent "G".

Rick Giannascoli

July 24, 2005

The Honorable Anthony J. Principi - Chairman
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Re. Commissioner Conflict of Interest

Dear Commissioner Principi

I'm a resident of the Hampton Roads area of Virginia and I would like to tell you that I was somewhat concerned when I watched your July 19th hearing on C-Span. My concern was not rooted in the fact that the Commission added NAS Oceana as a potential BRAC action but the fact that **Commissioner James H. Bilbray** did not reclude himself from the formal voting action on NAS Oceana. In the past, Commissioners have recluded themselves when they either had or appear to have had a conflict of interest in the area being voted on. In this case, I believe Commissioner Bilbray should have recluded himself given his most recent relations with the City of Virginia Beach. It is my understanding that Commissioner Bilbray's prior employer represents the City of Virginia Beach and Commissioner Bilbray has met with City of Virginia Beach officials within 2005.

If there is a conflict of interest or the potential for one to be perceived, it is in the best interest of the Commission and the United States that Commissioner Bilbray be ask to reclude himself from further voting on such areas, e.g., Hampton Roads actions.

Your timely actions are appreciated,

A CONCERNED HAMPTON ROADS RESIDENT

20 May 2005

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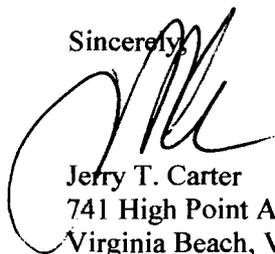
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