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Anthony Principi
Chairperson, BRAC Commission
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Good morning Mr. Principi,

I am sixty-three years of age. My wife and I moved to Norfolk, Virginia, eighteen and one-half years ago. We subsequently purchased a home in Virginia Beach, Virginia, in the Great Neck Meadows subdivision, approximately fourteen years ago. We came to Virginia from Southeast Texas because I was asked to become Chief Executive Officer of a very large Credit Union. Subsequently, I have pursued other interests.

I was in the United States Marine Corps for four years - 1959-1963. Suffice to say I am pro military. I am sure you can relate to my military service having been the immediate past Secretary of Veterans Affairs for our nation, in addition to a Naval Academy graduate. I would like to write you as one veteran to another. I am not your equal, sir, but I am a veteran.

I urge you to reevaluate your position, sir, respecting Oceana Naval Air Station, Virginia Beach, Virginia. Please consider the 100% accreditation which Virginia Beach City Public Schools has earned. In addition, the quality of life of our sailors is far superior to others areas being considered to replace Oceana. Yes, our leaders have, perhaps, made mistakes. Conversely, most of the mistakes, may have indeed, been beyond their control. In addition, please look at what our City Council, elected State Leaders, elected United States Senators, and our Governor are willing to do to enhance the continued viability of Oceana as a first-rate military facility. I.E., the encroachment issue. Further, your Naval leaders, Mr. Principi, are extremely receptive to the cooperative spirit of Virginia Beach and it's leaders. I also ask you to reconsider your position not only for economic reasons, but for the welfare of the Naval Pilots and others who would be affected by relocating Oceana.

My wife and I love Virginia Beach, Virginia. We are proud to be Virginians. We are also cognizant of the Navy, the Naval Aviators, and the Sailors stationed in our area who serve us in the War on Terror. Sir, I ask that you not be deceived by a FEW persons who complain about the presence of our military in Virginia Beach. The citizenry of Virginia Beach are proud to have Oceana.

Finally, sir, I ask that you vote to retain Oceans Naval Air Station in Virginia Beach, Virginia. We like the military, and want you to know that Mr. Principi.

Respectfully submitted



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