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Brigadier General Sue Turner, USAF (Ret)
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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I see that you are a retired nurse. I too am a nurse, and have been practicing in this area for 28 years. I love this area, and would hate to see what closing PNSY would do to our hospital. I work in an ER, and I think of the psychological issues we would be dealing with such as depression, suicidal ideation, families with no jobs, no insurance, and no homes for that matter. This would be devastating for this area.

Thanks you for taking on this project. I am sure it is very hard for you to know that you hold our future in your hands. I am very hopeful that when the BRAC list is presented to President Bush in September, PNSY is not among those listed to be closed.

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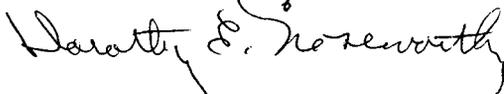
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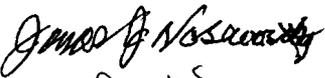
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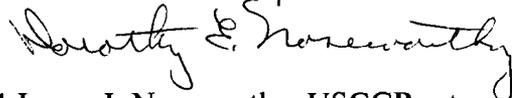
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Thank You,

Chrisa Doreen ROGAN
17475 D.O.N.

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NO Medals

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Commissioner James Hansen
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Dear Commissioner Hansen:

I hope during your considerations you will make every effort to consider two items regarding the proposed closure of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard:

- 1) The quality and efficiency of its work.
- 2) The impact that removing military bases from New England and concentrating them in other parts of the country will have both to the military and civilian sectors.

With sincere thanks for your thoughtful consideration and your continuing service to our country, I am

Sincerely yours,



Michael X. Watman

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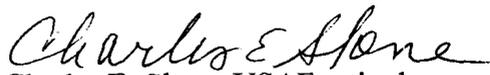
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The employees assigned to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard are the "cream of the crop" of naval employees. I was an employee of PNSY for sixteen years, working in production and logistics. I, on occasion, visited other shipyards in Norfolk, VA, and Charleston, SC. The work ethic of personnel employed by PNSY was far superior. The DOD would suffer a great loss if PNSY is allowed to close. This shipyard saves money and returns ships to the fleet ahead of schedule. The ships returned to the fleet are safe for our naval forces.

Commissioners, keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open because you know it's the right thing to do.

Sincerely,


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Dear Chairman Principi:

As a recently retired employee of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard who worked there for over 25 years as civilian resident of Dover, NH and as a former veteran US Navy nuclear submariner, I am writing to you today to ask that you give special consideration to the quality of work, the subsequent savings realized through innovation, and work ethics that Portsmouth Naval Shipyard provides. I also want you to know how important the continued operation of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is to the surrounding communities in both New Hampshire and Maine.

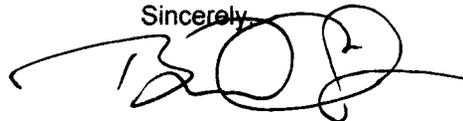
During my years in the US Navy submarine service, I had opportunity to see first hand the quality of workmanship exhibited at various shipyards. That was one of the things that drew me to Portsmouth after a year of working in commercial nuclear power. The folks at Portsmouth took the extra steps to do the job right the first time. In the Navy, that made me feel safer as a sub sailor. Later, as a civilian neighbor, it made me feel assured that the facility was a safe, viable nuclear facility that had a long life ahead of it to contribute to the livelihood of the area.

From my time spent in engineering and later teaching new employees there, it became apparent that the backbone of Portsmouth is its people. It is so important to remember that the shipyard, as an industrial complex rather than a military base, is comprised mostly of civilian workers, many third and even fourth generation. Shipyard families have lived in the surrounding areas for years. The shipyard is their lifeblood, and, in turn, the folks that work there have made sure that they have done their very best to keep Portsmouth a top performer for the Navy.

As I watched the hearings held in Boston recently, I felt very proud of being one of those who had contributed to Portsmouth's success as a leader in submarine overhaul and repair. I know from my time served there, that the shipyard has become a model for others to follow: superior facilities, innovative skilled crafts men and women, talented engineers, technicians and managers who are not only cost conscious, but truly sensitive to the needs of the submariner and his ship. It would be a shame to lose this. It can't be replicated elsewhere; the talent is with the people of the area, the facilities are in place and unmovable, the shipyard is one of the very few facilities in the country qualified to perform nuclear work – a unique and nearly impossible set of conditions to re-establish once lost.

I urge you and the Commission to consider this in your deliberations. Please keep Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open; our nation can ill afford not to. Thank you for your time and attention.

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I know by now you must be just about at your wits end with all the letters, e-mails, calls, etc. So I will keep this as brief as possible.

It never ceases to amaze me how whatever makes sense is not what is destined to be. By closing Brunswick Naval Air Station and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, we are left with nothing in the Northeast. No defense, no jobs, etc. Take these two away and we are defenseless! How long would it take to respond to an emergency and/or threat if these two bases were closed? Or doesn't anyone care? I'm sure that Walker's Point in Kennebunkport will be well protected at ANY COST!

The point is, this great country of ours is putting the middle and lower class people in a state of poverty. No one cares except for the working class that are striving day by day. The amount of money wasted by the government each year would give each and every northeast citizen a wealthy life. Why is it that we can't take care of our own but we can take care of other people in other countries? WHY? We have starving, dying, sickly children and elderly. But, no one cares.

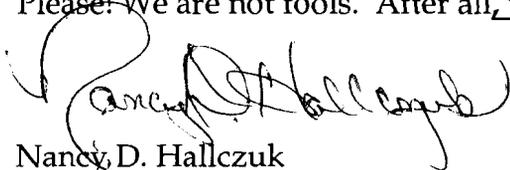
I don't know much about Brunswick but I do know that a lot of retirees frequent this base for many different reasons (along with Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (clinic, etc.)). Where will the closest place be for those disabled, elderly, and retired veterans on a fixed income and some with war wounds and scars go? What are you going to tell them? The same thing as Portsmouth Naval Shipyard "You did a great job, best job ever, but sorry?" I cannot fathom the idea of moving the planes out and/or closing the base. What logical explanation is there? Is there a plan to leave us defenseless here? Where will the planes from Florida bases go when there's a hurricane, etc.? That was the original plan wasn't it? To keep the runways open for this type of emergency. We don't stop here for ice storms, blizzards, etc. We do what we have to do and do it with pride. Sure the defense is looking to cut corners and save money. Do they realize how much money is WASTED every year by poor judgment, shoddy contractors, etc.? I don't have time and neither do you to begin to tell you the

waste that the government spends each year. Not only here but all over the country. It's a crime!

Portsmouth is the **BEST** shipyard there is and that **has** been proven and facts don't lie. In knowing that this is the **best** shipyard with the **best** workers and the **best** record, what is the reasoning behind all this to close us? As I said earlier, shoddy work is what counts. I guess the old saying is true.. **NICE GUYS FINISH LAST**

Who are they kidding? Close Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the DOD is in for a surprise. They won't be saving any money. Look at the long-range picture and you'll see that by closing Portsmouth is a great loss to the Navy and to the country. All the awards, all the kudos', all the congratulations for jobs well done, etc., didn't mean anything to anyone except for the workers here. We can stand tall and be proud of our achievements and our pride will not be broken because of a grave mistake that the DOD is making. The BRAC Committee needs to really think hard about closing these two bases. DOD needs us, the Navy needs us and the country needs us too. There is **NO** other shipyard in this country that can match up to us. You know this and so does everyone else. When all is said and done and the closure list is final and these two bases are on the list, it will be too late for you to revert back to a great New England pride. But we can sit back and say, "**WE DID OUR BEST AND WE ARE THE BEST!**"

Before closing, I will add that it is getting very tiring and frankly speaking, sometimes comical but annoying when we hear, "**THIS IS NOT POLITICAL!**" Please! We are not fools. After all, **we are the best the Navy has!**



Nancy, D. Hallczuk
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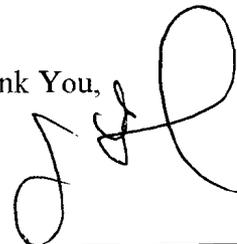
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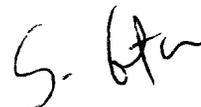
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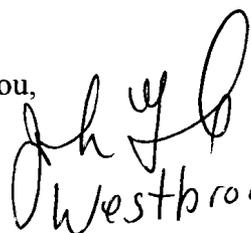
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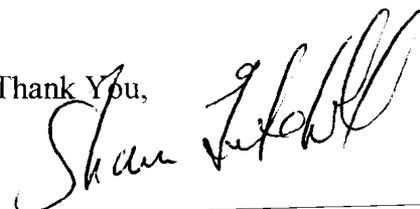
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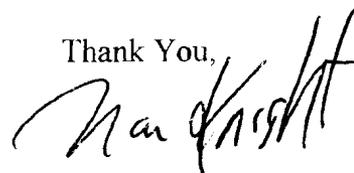
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Thank You,
Richmond J. Knight
(Ret) Superintendent
C-908 PNS

Brac Commission,

7/20/05

Please take Portsmouth Naval Shipyard off the closure list. It deserves to stay open. Their record stands for itself. They get the job done faster than any of the other yards, therefore allowing the navy usage of the subs sooner and that saves money. They have the most sub experience, most sub experience(public or private) with nuclear sub overhaul. Portsmouth has received awards for safety including earning the OSHA STAR status. Closing Portsmouth will devastate the community. Not only the people that work there will be affected but the local businesses that the yard hires and the businesses outside that the workers use. Closing Portsmouth will affect not only Maine but New Hampshire also. They are now considering closing Brunswick which is not very far from Portsmouth. Closing both would mean alot of people out of work in a very small area. There aren't enough jobs. There is more than enough work for all the navy yards. Portsmouth also sends its workforce to other navy bases so they can keep up with their work and they still manage to get their jobs done on time or early. We need these jobs. Good paying jobs are hard to find. Most of the experienced workers will probably not transfer. This affects my family. My husband has worked there for 20 years. My son and nephew also work there. They are hoping to have a future there. They take pride in their jobs and their work and it shows. Isn't the reason they are having closures is to save money. What money are they saving when Portsmouth gets the job done so much faster? Please reconsider and take Portsmouth Naval Shipyard off the closure list and keep it open. The Navy will benefit and save money by this decision.

Thank you .
Karen J. Brown

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To the Commission

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I believe the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard should not close at this time. The work being done there is vital to our nations defense. My question is, How can you close Portsmouth now, when the Navy cant even tell you with any certainty how small their fleet will be. If Navy testimony is wrong about the size of the fleet in the future the other 3 shipyards will not have enough excess capacity to service our submarines. I think the Commission needs to be really sure about what facts really are. Once closed Portsmouth and its outstanding service will be lost.

Respectfully
Mrs. J. Hobson

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Dear Commissioner Hansen,

I am writing to request that you take the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard off the closure list. I was shocked to find PNS, with its fine business record of meeting and beating schedules, reducing costs, and maintaining quality repairs in a safe environment, on the closure list. I have worked at PNS for four years now and feel pride in our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to give the American People (my brothers and sisters) the best protection from foreign powers and terrorist elements.

The current administration stresses the quality of stealth technology and demands that we provide as little downtime for repairs as possible for weapons systems. Why, then would our military cut back on our stealthiest weapon, the submarine?? Why, spend money designing a surface stealth craft, which may be less visible to radar than other surface craft, but that will have a catamaran's enormous sonar signature and will be easily visible to the naked eye or satellite. The submarine under water is invisible to the naked eye, has no radar signature at all and a minimal sonar signature. This administration speaks of saving money while it tosses it out the window as fast as we pay our taxes on untried technology. This begs another question. Why is the Secretary of the Defense redesigning the military when it is obviously the best in the history of the world? We have a saying in NH: "If it ain't broke don't fix it."

I may have misunderstood, but I was under the impression that the Base Realignment and Closure list was revisited this time because only a small percentage of bases had been closed in previous closures. Four out of eight Naval Shipyards have been closed previously. That amounts to Fifty percent of the Naval Shipyards!! It seems to me that that was sufficient reduction. We barely have enough shipyard capacity with four shipyards when we are at war with land locked Iraq. Shouldn't we design our navy for the eventuality of war with a navy? If this administration really wants to minimize downtime for ship repairs, then why is Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the closure list??? All we hear about for three years is surge capacity. This shipyard delivered just that and this is how we are rewarded??

Thank you for your time and effort in behalf of our country and the good people in the Portsmouth area.

Sincerely,



William F. Getchell

From Martha's Vineyard Island

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July 22, 2005

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Otis provides us with emergency services. Otis AFB is vital locally and globally. Locally, the emergency services provided truly life-saving services to our small fishing community. Med-flights have saved many lives of islanders, visitors and fishermen alike. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod helicopters fly in conditions in which commercial air ambulances will not. When they cannot fly the Coast Guard dispatches a Falcon jet to pick up patients at Martha's Vineyard Airport and transports them to Logan where they taken by ambulance to Massachusetts General Hospital or another trauma center.

The lives of the residents of Dukes County, as well those of the many seasonal residents and tourists, are dependent upon the existence of the Massachusetts Military Reservation. Otis houses Camp Edwards, Otis Air Force Base and U.S. Coast Guard Air Station Cape Cod.


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1266 State Road, Eliot, Maine 03903
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From: Helen Ruth
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have been through Our area, Maine in particular, has suffered a
opportunity since the taking over of our factories (shoe, shirt, woolen and paper) over the
many years. Our Senators and Representatives are telling the truth when they say the
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is NEEDED!! The Coast Guard ships are kept at this base.
The area around here has many valuable and possible targets. The gas boats come in, the
electric company has ships bringing in fuel, the gypsum plant and oil refinery as well as the
gas fired electric plant all are situated on the Piscataqua River, the main river for these
ships. Some of these require Coast Guard personnel use. (Nuclear plant, Seabrooktoo)
I have lived here since 1949 and know the importance of the yard. The shipyard repairs
and other duties that these men and women accomplish is top notch and it is done in less
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have had testify. I don't feel that closing this yard is good for our country, never mind
what it will do to those families who work here.

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PLEASE CONSIDER KEEPING THIS, THE BEST SHIPYARD FOR ITS WORK,
OPEN!! The apprentice program provides great men and women also.
If all of you, care about this wonderful country of ours, then you will look at all the
information you have been given and know I am right in what I am saying
Sincerely Yours,

Helen Ruth Vetter

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26 Beaver Dam Road
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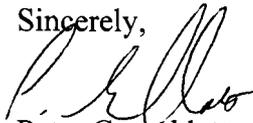
Seabrook Station, a commercial nuclear power plant is located only a few miles south of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It took over 20 years to be granted an operating license; most difficulties and delays came from public outcry. (Scheduled completion date was 1974; eventually came on line in 1991.) Only one of the 2 units was completed; Unit 2 sits at 30% complete and can be seen from the salt marsh decaying. The Shoreham nuclear power plant was constructed on Long Island, NY, completed low power testing but never came on line and was eventually deconstructed. Again, public opposition was strong enough to overcome the \$5.6 billion construction cost. Long Island has among the highest electric utility rate in this country.

A liquid natural gas storage company approached many adjacent communities on the Maine/New Hampshire seacoast to construct LN₂ storage tanks, promising jobs and tax revenue. They all said, "No Tanks (sic)". Towns, communities and states do not want hazardous materials or operations performed in their locale.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has been performing naval nuclear submarine reactor maintenance, testing and power operations since the earliest days of the USS Nautilus. We are nestled in a small New England community with homes, schools, shops and parks located just outside our gates. This asset is a welcome neighbor in this tight knit community, has maintained its license to perform nuclear work and once gone, could not be re-created.

This great nation needs the capabilities of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to ensure our submarine fleet is ready to meet the demands and challenges of our national defense. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the gold standard in nuclear submarine maintenance with a proven record in cost, schedule, quality and safety. With our military needs in flux due to global uncertainties, we cannot afford to close this vital asset which is necessary now and for the future. Please consider keeping the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open for the American people and the defense of our nation.

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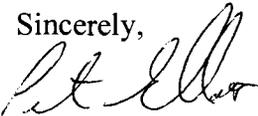
The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is a facility that once lost, cannot be replaced by constructing a new industrial complex. The Shipyard is nestled in a small New England, tight knit community where multiple reactor plants are undergoing complex maintenance. Citizens throughout the United States fight to keep out commercial nuclear power, radioactive work and other industrial hazards, e.g. LN₂ storage from being performed in their home states regardless if it is being performed in unoccupied locales. Is there any real estate available on the East/West coast with a port that could support building a repair facility for submarines? The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is a welcome neighbor in the Maine/New Hampshire seacoast. I don't think the Navy could replicate this facility, its experience and efficiency and be welcomed into a community while performing this hazardous maintenance.

By closing Portsmouth, 25% of the available locations for nuclear submarine maintenance will be lost. I can only imagine if a hurricane hit Virginia or there was an attack by unfriendly forces on Hawaii, our submarines would be severely limited in the short term for emergent or scheduled maintenance.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard sets the bar by which all other activities try to reach. Portsmouth's unprecedented schedule and cost savings return submarines back to battle ready status before any other shipyard. To keep the same number of ships in the fleet would require building more submarines because those undergoing overhaul will be in the shipyards for longer durations than if that maintenance was performed at Portsmouth.

For our submarine fleet and the American taxpayer, keeping Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open will keep more of our submarines in active status and reduce overall costs to the taxpayer for submarine maintenance. It's win, win for everyone.

Sincerely,



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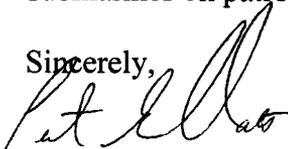
Dear Commissioner Coyle:

As an employee at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, I am proudly wearing my Meritorious Unit Commendation pin for being recognized by the Navy for outstanding performance in submarine maintenance. Accurate data reflects that Portsmouth is the leader for schedule, cost, quality and safety. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard consistently breaks its own records when presented with each new challenge. Portsmouth is the most efficient shipyard for the performance of nuclear submarine overhaul and repair. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has set the standard by which all other maintenance depots strive to achieve; yet Portsmouth keeps raising the bar, which has kept all others out of reach.

With budgetary restrictions and increased military operating expenses, it only makes sense to keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open and operating at maximum capacity. Having nuclear submarine work performed at Portsmouth saves money and returns the submarines back to the fleet in record time. Comparison studies indicate maintenance performed at other facilities takes significantly longer and at greater expense. Portsmouth has enabled the submarine fleet to be smaller by reducing maintenance durations and returning ships to ready status ahead of schedule.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is an irreplaceable asset to our national defense. Please consider removing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the BRAC list which will save taxpayer dollars, provide additional funding for the Department of Defense and keep more submarines on patrol protecting our great nation.

Sincerely,



Peter Greenblatt

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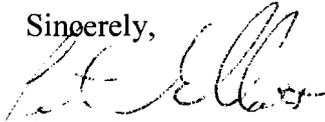
Dear Commissioner Hill:

The readiness of our naval nuclear submarine force is dependent upon maintenance being performed at the lowest possible cost and in the most timely manner, without sacrificing quality or safety. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has set the benchmark for nuclear submarine overhaul and repair. Portsmouth continues to give money back to the customer to allow budgeting additional maintenance, while returning submarines to the fleet in ready status ahead of schedule. Keeping nuclear submarine maintenance at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has reduced the burden of associated costs to the American taxpayer and allowed more submarines to be on patrol defending this great nation.

As a taxpayer, I want my hard earned dollars to be spent as efficiently as possible. Keeping nuclear submarine repair alive at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard costs less then if performed at any other facility.

Our country deserves to have the best facility to continue to serve the nuclear submarine community by delivering ships ahead of schedule, under cost, with outstanding quality and safety. Please consider keeping the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open, recognized by the United States Navy as the best performing shipyard.

Sincerely,



Peter Greenblatt

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The Honorable James H. Bilbray
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Dear Commissioner Bilbray:

Next week I will celebrate my 20th anniversary as an employee at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Although discouraged that the Shipyard is on the list for consideration for closure, my project, the SSN 699 USS Jacksonville Engineered Refueling Overhaul is proceeding with 100% New England Yankee ingenuity and pride.

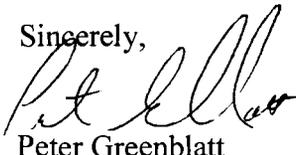
My family is grateful for the employment opportunity the Shipyard has provided. I am not a selfish individual. The Shipyard is a gracious neighbor in the heart of this New England seacoast community that also benefits from shipyard employment in the form of payroll, goods and services, employee volunteers, etc. I don't think they're selfish either. We all want to do the right thing for our submariners, the Navy, the Military, the American taxpayers and the United States of America.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the #1 submarine repair facility in the world. Portsmouth performs maintenance faster, cheaper and safer than all other shipyards while maintaining outstanding quality. McDonald's would never close their top performing franchise. Would you take your car for a new muffler to the Midas in the next town knowing it would cost less, get your car back on the road sooner and the job would be expertly performed compared to your local muffler shop? You might even have some extra time and spare change to buy that Big Mac you've been craving.

Mr. Bilbray, please consider removing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the BRAC list, not for the Seacoast community, or me, but for the benefit of our nation and all its citizens. Keeping the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open will keep more submarines forward deployed in our nation's defense, patrolling the depths of the oceans. Without the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, more submarines will remain in dry docks or tied up pier side awaiting emergent or scheduled maintenance. Bottom line equates to fewer submarines on active duty with higher maintenance costs passed on to our taxpayers.

I purchase my Big Mac at the McDonald's with the shortest line, lowest price and best tasting burger. I'm sure they use this franchise as the standard by which all others operate. By no means am I comparing hamburgers to complex, skilled submarine maintenance, but this franchise produces its product faster, cheaper and safer than all others. Please keep Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open for America.

Sincerely,



Peter Greenblatt

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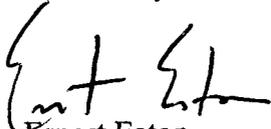
Dear Commissioners:

I'm sure you have a wealth of information on the Portsmouth Shipyard's performance and strategic value, and I can't add anything to what is already known.

My concern centers on the effect closure would have on Maine's economy and culture. Maine is a fine place to live, but it's economy is in shambles. In terms of income, it is the poorest state in New England and probably ranks in the lower half of the nation. Maine depends on income tax revenue to fund the state budget. The budget will be running a deficit as far as can be projected even without the loss of payroll taxes from several thousand good paying Federal jobs. In short, I think for the short and intermediate term the announced closures, especially the shipyard, will be disastrous. We have one of the oldest populations in the country, and growing older every year because young people are moving to other states where jobs are available. We certainly don't need the added loss of jobs at Kittery, Brunswick and Limestone.

It surely appears our government is abandoning Maine and rest of the Northeast. Please don't let it happen.

Yours truly,



Ernest Eaton

BRAC Commission

JUL 25 2005

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Wayne Hennessy
6 Lemont Lane
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General Turner

Thank you reading my letter. I am writing you to encourage you to keep Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open.

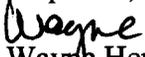
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard saves the Navy money through its efficiency. Subs are returned to the fleet sooner and cheaper than the other yards. Closing it, would only make future repairs to all subs more expensive.

Additionally, the loss of a three dry-docks cannot be underscored. They can not be relocated or reproduced. Their loss will hamper naval planners and further limit future crisis management. History has shown to us and other nations the cost of location all of our military resources in a few centralized locations.

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So please, do not close the base


Wayne Hennessy

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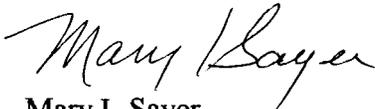
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If it is found that some facilities need to be closed, why would the best, most cost efficient facility even be considered?

I write this as a personal crusade also. I have a brother, sister in law and brother in law who all work at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, our family would clearly be devastated by the loss of these jobs. I am sure there are several hundred other families in this area who could present the same scenario.

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Terri P Muckian

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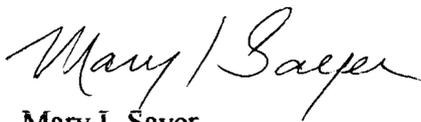
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Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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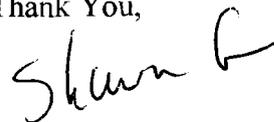
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Our region is already troubled and closing P.N.S.Y. would send our region in an economic tail spin. This is not in the best interest of our Country and not fair to the residents of New England.

We thank the Department of the Navy for recognizing us in the form of a medal, however we don't wish to be thanked by pinning a medal on our chest and being forgotten. We wish to be thanked by allowing us to continue performing the superior work we have become so well known for in the industry.

Thank You,



Wayne Hennessy
6 Lemont Lane
Kittery ME 03904 ARAC Commission

22 Jul 2005

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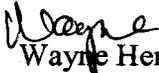
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So please, do not close the base


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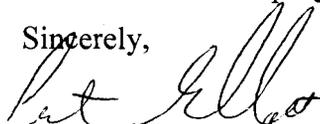
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Sincerely,



Peter Greenblatt

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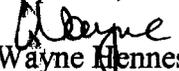
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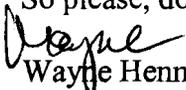
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General James T. Hill, USA (Ret)

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
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I am writing to request that you take the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard off the closure list. I was shocked to find PNS, with its fine business record of meeting and beating schedules, reducing costs, and maintaining quality repairs in a safe environment, on the closure list. I have worked at PNS for four years now and feel pride in our accomplishments and look forward to continuing to give the American People (my brothers and sisters) the best protection from foreign powers and terrorist elements.

The current administration stresses the quality of stealth technology and demands that we provide as little downtime for repairs as possible for weapons systems. Why, then would our military cut back on our stealthiest weapon, the submarine?? Why, spend money designing a surface stealth craft, which may be less visible to radar than other surface craft, but that will have a catamaran's enormous sonar signature and will be easily visible to the naked eye or satellite. The submarine under water is invisible to the naked eye, has no radar signature at all and a minimal sonar signature. This administration speaks of saving money while it tosses it out the window as fast as we pay our taxes on untried technology. This begs another question. Why is the Secretary of the Defense redesigning the military when it is obviously the best in the history of the world? We have a saying in NH: "If it ain't broke don't fix it."

I may have misunderstood, but I was under the impression that the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process was designed to increase ship repair capacity with our shipyard when we are in war with land locked Iraq. Shouldn't we design our navy for the eventuality of war with a navy? If this administration really wants to minimize downtime for ship repairs, then why is Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the closure list??? All we hear about for three years is surge capacity. This shipyard delivered just that and this is how we are rewarded??

Thank you for your time and effort in behalf of our country and the good people in the Portsmouth area.

Sincerely,



William F. Getchell

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If it wasn't for "The Yard" I really don't know what my dad would have done. I vaguely remember the time there was talk about closing "The Yard". My parents were very concerned. But we were lucky it stayed open. I was very proud to say my dad worked at "The Yard". My dad retired in 1975 with over 40 years there. Time rolled on. My dad passed away in 1998. He is now resting peacefully with a view of his beloved "Yard". Please think twice about closing The Portsmouth Navy Yard it won't only affect the people that work there it will also affect the vets as it is the only military installation in the area. It would also affect the surrounding communities.

Sincerely yours
Natalie Stone

Wayne Hennessy
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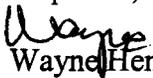
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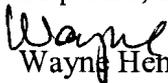
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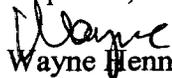
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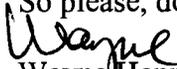
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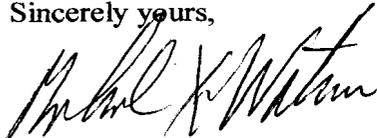
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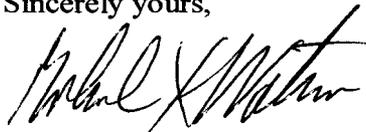
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Dear Commissioner Skinner,

As a US citizen, I am concerned about the closure of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. There has been a lot of discussion regarding capacity of the four Naval Shipyards and what this capacity will look like in 20 years. We don't know what the condition of this world we live in will be in 20 years. Knowing this, how can we possibly know how much capacity is needed in 20 years?

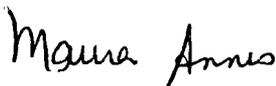
Twenty years ago we were in the middle of the Cold War. The Armed Services were growing as much as they could to exist as a formidable opponent to the threat of the USSR. Twenty years ago, when President Ronald Reagan challenged Mr. Gorbachov to "tear down that wall", which one of us ever thought that within two short years the Berlin Wall would be torn down?

Twenty years ago terrorists were something we occasionally heard about "over there somewhere". Now they are on our soil. What plan did this Nation make 20 years ago in anticipation of this threat? The answer is none. We simply never believed that this would happen to us. We could not predict where we would be today, 20 years ago. It has been four years since 9/11 and we are still trying to assess and establish what is needed to effectively deal with this threat.

We are hearing the rumblings from China now. They are the next world superpower. What is the prediction for required forces for that adversary? We have no knowledge of how strong a threat they will be, but we do know that they have had 20+ years to plan, build, train, and mobilize while the rest of the world has attended to other business. They have acquired significant influence over key areas such as the Panama canal. They now hold significant interest in oil reserves. They have a plan and we are not on friendly terms. What is the required force structure needed within the next five, ten, and fifteen years to prevent that threat from attacking?

As a US citizen I do not understand how anyone can claim to know what is needed 10 years from now, never mind 20 years from now. If Portsmouth Naval Shipyard closes, there is no regaining what will be lost. The knowledge, the capacity, and the skills, will all be gone. Please take this into consideration when you vote to keep or close this vital National asset.

Respectfully yours,



Ms. Maura Annis

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Dear Commissioners:

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I am writing to address the closing of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Like many other military personnel, Portsmouth and local Maine areas was where many retirees decided to reside because Pease AFB offered excellent medical facilities as well as a commissary and a Base Exchange.

However, when Pease AFB closed, many of us retirees and our families presently depend on the medical facilities and commissary at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

With the possibility of closing this Naval Station, it seems that higher authority is not fully aware of the effect it will have on military retirees and their families.

Closing this facility will not only have a disastrous affect on the Maine and New Hampshire economy, but also to the thousands of military retirees and their families who depend on medical and other facilities at this station.

If our government can find ways and means to send billions of dollars overseas to different countries, then why can't our government find ways and means to take care of American citizens in need of medical and financial support in order to survive?

Thousands of community residents and military retirees and families are depending on your support to keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open. PLEASE give us your support.

Respectfully,


David C. Palumbo
M/Sgt, USAF
Retired

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July 20, 2005

Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., USN (Ret)

Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear BRAC Commissioners,

My name is Justin Dubravsky and I live in Eliot, Maine. ^{Received} My dad works for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and he has been there for 26 years. Please keep it **open** a lot of people work there it would be horribly tragic if it closed. I grew up in Kittery, Maine and my bus was the only bus that went on the base. I always enjoyed looking at different things each day that I rode the bus to school & the PNSY. It is one of the best places I have ever been and I do not want to see my dad lose his job and do something else. I know a lot of people work there because of the traffic every week day and I can imagine how much Jobs would be lost. I want you to keep one thing in mind and that is everyone that lives in the southern Maine, New Hampshire, and other areas would all have to sell their houses and move because the base would be close and it would almost be like a ghosttown if everyone moved and the shipyard to. So please take in consideration to not close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Thank you for your time reading this.

Sincerely,
Justin Dubravsky

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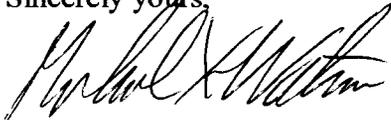
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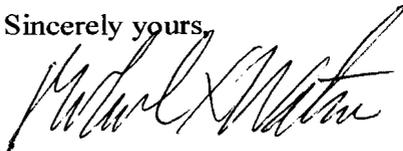
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The current administration stresses the quality of stealth technology and demands that we provide as little downtime for repairs as possible for weapons systems. Why, then would our military cut back on our stealthiest weapon, the submarine?? Why, spend money designing a surface stealth craft, which may be less visible to radar than other surface craft, but that will have a catamaran's enormous sonar signature and will be easily visible to the naked eye or satellite. The submarine under water is invisible to the naked eye, has no radar signature at all and a minimal sonar signature. This administration speaks of saving money while it tosses it out the window as fast as we pay our taxes on untried technology. This begs another question. Why is the Secretary of the Defense redesigning the military when it is obviously the best in the history of the world? We have a saying in NH: "If it ain't broke don't fix it."

I may have misunderstood, but I was under the impression that the Base Realignment and Closure list was revisited this time because only a small percentage of bases had been closed in previous closures. Four out of eight Naval Shipyards have been closed previously. That amounts to Fifty percent of the Naval Shipyards!! It seems to me that that was sufficient reduction. We barely have enough shipyard capacity with four shipyards when we are at war with land locked Iraq. Shouldn't we design our navy for the eventuality of war with a navy? If this administration really wants to minimize downtime for ship repairs, then why is Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the closure list??? All we hear about for three years is surge capacity. This shipyard delivered just that and this is how we are rewarded??

Thank you for your time and effort in behalf of our country and the good people in the Portsmouth area.

Sincerely,



William F. Getchell

Wayne Hennessy
6 Lemont Lane
Kittery ME 03904

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General Hill

Thank you reading my letter. I am writing you to encourage you to keep Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open.

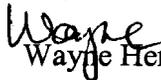
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Additionally, the loss of a three dry-docks cannot be underscored. They can not be relocated or reproduced. Their loss will hamper naval planners and further limit future crisis management. History has shown to us and other nations the cost of location all of our military resources in a few centralized locations.

And then there are the economic and humanitarian costs that have to be considered. Will closing the shipyard really "save" and money. Future ship repairs will cost more, that is shown in all the data. Add to it the cost of closing the base, converting it to civilian use and the environmental clean up costs. If there were any "savings", they will be quickly eroded.

And the human toll will be borne by many. Over 4000 jobs directly will be lost in addition to those lost indirectly. Kids uprooted from neighborhood schools and extended families. And I am afraid that with such an impact to the local economy, those opting to relocate, will be forced to sell their homes at less than market value.

So please, do not close the base


Wayne Hennessy

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32 Lil Nor Avenue
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July 22, 2005

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Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Michael X. Watman

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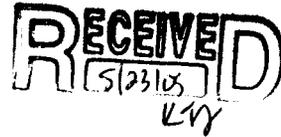
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Michael X. Watman

Elaine Lyght
35 Surrey Run
Dover NH 03820-4443



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MAY 20, 2005

GOOD DAY SUE ELLEN:

I KNOW YOU SERVE AS A REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE 2005 BRAC COMMISSION AND I WANTED TO PERSONALLY CONTACT YOU VIA THE MAIL.

I HAVE PROUDLY WORKED HERE AT PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD SINCE 1982 AND SPENT 8½ YRS IN THE AIR FORCE PRIOR TO THAT. SO I KNOW WHAT IT IS TO HAVE A SENSE OF PRIDE TO SERVE MY COUNTRY AND WORK FOR THE DOD.

I'M GREATLY DISTURBED THAT PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD IS SLATED TO CLOSE. I CAN'T COMPREHEND WHAT CRITERIA THE DOD USED IN DETERMINING THIS ACTION OTHER THAN THE EASY COP OUT OF "STRATEGIC REASONS."

WHY ISN'T OUR PAST PERFORMANCE & COST SAVINGS TO THE GOV'T TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT? WE ALL PAY TAXES AND ANYTIME WE CAN SAVE OURSELVES FROM DISHING OUT MORE MONEY NEEDLESSLY IS CRUCIAL.

THE SHIPYARD PROUDLY DELIVERED 6 SUBMARINES IN A ROW "EARLY"! THE USS ALEXANDRIA (SSN 757) A DMP IN 10.8 MOS. THE USS ANNAPOLIS (SSN 760) A DMP A MONTH A HEAD OF SCHEDULE. THE USS ALBUQUERQUE (SSN 706) AN ERO DELIVERED IN 22.3 MOS. THE USS CITY OF CORPUS CHRISTI (SSN 705) ANOTHER ERO DONE IN 23.8 MONTHS. THE USS NORFOLK (SSN 714) AN ERO IN 22.2 MOS.

AND THE LAST SUBMARINE THE USS MIAMI (SSN 755) A DMP DELIVERED IN 12.3 MOS. WHAT A RECORD OF PERFORMANCE! LOOK WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED FOR OUR NAVY AND FOR OUR COUNTRY.

UNFORTUNATELY, WE BECAME SO DAMN GOOD AS THE LEAD SHIPYARD FOR 688 CLASS AVAILABILITIES NATIONWIDE THAT WE MADE THE OTHER 3 SHIPYARDS LOOK INCOMPETENT.

WE WERE CONSTANTLY BAILING OUT THE OTHER SHIPYARDS ALONG WITH ASSISTING GENERAL DYNAMICS IN CONNECTICUT. ALL THE WHILE KEEPING FOCUSED ON OUR OWN WORK AT HAND AND MAINTAINING THE SCHEDULE.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHIPYARD - GENERAL DYNAMICS (EB AS WE KNOW IT) WAS GIVEN A SUBMARINE TO OVERHAUL AS A DMP. EVIDENTLY, THE GOV'T WANTED TO KEEP THEM BUSY. TO THIS DATE, THEY HAVEN'T YET COMPLETED THE DMP AT COST AND ON TIME. IN FACT, EB HAS ASKED FOR A HUMUNGOUS AMOUNT OF ^{MORE} MONEY TO FINISH THE WORK AND 4 TO 6 MORE MONTHS TO COMPLETE IT. YOU PROBABLY HAVE THE CAPABILITIES TO GET THESE EXACT FIGURES.

WHY ISN'T THIS TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION? OUR SHIPYARD CAN DO SO MUCH MORE FOR OUR COUNTRY. I'VE HEARD RUMORS ABOUT MONIES BEING ALLOCATED FOR THE LENGTHENING OF ONE OF OUR 3 DRYDOCKS SO THE SHIPYARD COULD WORK ON THE TRIDENTS. WHY CAN'T WE BECOME A REPAIR/OVERHAUL FACILITY FOR THE TRIDENTS?

IN FACT, WE AT ONE TIME BUILT SUBMARINES. WHY CAN'T THIS SHIPYARD BE USED TO BUILD THE NEW

VIRGINIA CLASS SUBMARINES? I'M SURE WE COULD BE VERY COMPETITIVE WITH EB OR NEWPORT NEWS.

SO IT APPEARS THAT WHATEVER MONIES PORTSMOUTH SAVED THE GOV'T IS JUST BEING HANDED OVER TO EB SO THEY CAN FINISH THE JOB. IT DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE TO ME TO PAY MORE MONEY AND GIVE MORE TIME TO A CONTRACTOR THAT CAN'T MEET THE DEADLINE AT COST. THIS DOESN'T SET WELL WITH ME BECAUSE IT'S MY TAX MONEY BEING USED AND YOURS.

I REALIZE THE COLD WAR WITH RUSSIA IS GONE & OUR BIGGEST THREAT NOW IS IN THE FAR EAST. IT MAKES SENSE TO BOOST OUR DEFENSES TO THE WEST COAST STRATEGICALLY. THEY SAY NOW THAT ONE EAST COAST SHIPYARD IS SUFFICIENT (NORFOLK, VA) AND IF A NATIONAL EMERGENCY OCCURRED AT NORFOLK THE PRIVATE SECTOR SHIPYARDS COULD PICK UP THE SLACK. NOTE: NEWPORT NEWS WOULD BE IN THE IMMEDIATE VICINITY AND WOULD BE AFFECTED THUS LEAVING EB FOR THIS WORK. WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO RELY ON EB TO PICKUP THE SLACK? THEY CAN'T ACCOMPLISH WHAT'S GIVEN TO THEM NOW. I CAN'T IMAGINE THEM DOING ANYTHING BETTER - NOT EVEN IN A NATIONAL EMERGENCY.

YOU SAID YOU WANTED SOMEONE TO EDUCATE YOU ON THE NAVY. HAVE YOU READ THE BOOK "RUNNING CRITICAL" BY PATRICK TYLER? THIS ^{BOOK} WILL DEFINITELY GIVE YOU AN EDUCATION ON HOW THE PRIVATE SECTOR THINKS & WORKS WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING SUBS FOR THE NAVY. I HIGHLY RECOMMEND READING IT. THEN YOU'LL TRULY UNDERSTAND

THE MEANING OF WASTED TAX DOLLARS. THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO REMEMBER WITH THIS BOOK IS THAT IT ALL HAPPENED DURING THE COLD WAR!

PORTSMOUTH HAS THE EXPERIENCE, THE DEDICATED WORKFORCE AND THE ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING THAT COMES OUR WAY. WE'RE BEYOND REPROACH. WE'RE CONSTANTLY REJAMPING OUR WORK PROCEDURES AND STRIVE TO IMPROVE ON OUR WORK PERFORMANCE JUST SO WE CAN GIVE THE NAVY THE BIGGEST BANG FOR THEIR BUCK - OUR TAX BUCKS.

SO IN CLOSING, I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD PLEASE RECONSIDER NOT CLOSING OUR SHIPYARD. INSTEAD, LOOK FOR WAYS TO MAKE USE OF THE EXCELLENT WORK FORCE. ALL I CAN SAY IS "BRING IT ON"! GIVE US THE TRIDENTS - GIVE US MORE WORK. STOP GIVING IT TO THE PRIVATE YARDS. WE'LL SAVE YOU MONEY.

THANKYOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION IN REGARDS TO THIS MATTER.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS
Claine Lyght
133.2 Inspection Code

P.S. ENCLOSED IS A COPY OF THE MERITORIOUS AWARD WE RECEIVED THE DAY BEFORE WE GOT THE BAD NEWS - FRIDAY THE 13th.



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Meritorious Unit Commendation Awarded to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

12-May-05

To my fellow Shipyards, Congratulations! **This Shipyard team has received the Meritorious Unit Commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations.** This is indeed a high honor and a recognition of your outstanding achievements. You have earned this commendation through hard work, commitment and a sheer determination to bring our performance to the next level. I am so proud to be part of this tremendous Shipyard team. Hats off to the men and women of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, both civilian and military, who together have built this record of performance. Bravo Zulu!

The Citation reads as follows:

For meritorious service from 11 September 2001 to 30 August 2004. The personnel of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and tenant activities consistently and superbly performed their mission while establishing a phenomenal record of cost, schedule, quality and safety performance. The Shipyard embraced the One Shipyard Initiative and is leading the transformation of our Navy's nuclear ship maintenance base through innovation and the application of Lean industrial practices. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard personnel established new performance levels for submarine maintenance, modernization, and overhaul work by producing business results that are the benchmark among public and private sector nuclear shipyards. The Shipyard completed six major submarine availabilities early, exceeded Net Operating Result financial goals, reduced injuries by more than 50 percent and exceeded the Secretary of Defense's Fiscal Year 2006 Stretch Goal for lost workday compensation rates two years early. Naval Shipyard Portsmouth's extraordinary performance is translating into increased U.S. Submarine Fleet readiness. By their unrelenting determination, perseverance, and steadfast devotion to duty, the officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees of Naval Shipyard Portsmouth reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

For the Secretary,
signed

V.E. CLARK
Admiral, United States Navy
Chief of Naval Operations

110 Eagle Drive
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May 20, 2005 7056

Honorable Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
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Dear Mr. Principi,

We in New Hampshire and Maine humbly ask you and the rest of the BRAC Commission to please reconsider your decision to put Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the 2005 BRAC list.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, throughout the history of our great USA, has played a vital role in maintaining "peace through strength" in the excellent building and excellent repairing of ships for the U.S. Naval fleet.

Closing Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will devastate not only the lives and economies of thousands of families and communities in New Hampshire and Maine, but will also deal a huge blow to the security of the U.S. Navy fleet and thus all of America who have always depended on the excellent, devoted and below cost work that Portsmouth Naval Shipyarders provide for our Navy and great nation.

Very Gratefully,

Frances A. Batchelder

John M. Higgins
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18 May 2005



Mr. Anthony J. Principi
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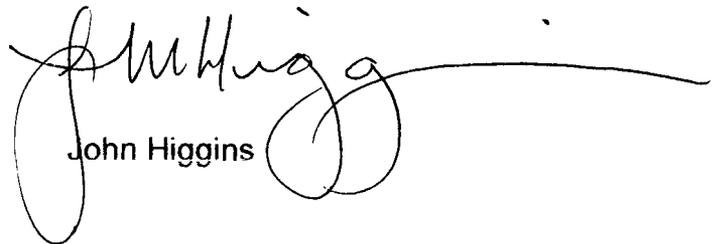
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Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Higgins", with a long horizontal line extending to the right. The signature is written in a cursive style with large loops.

John Higgins

Copy to:
BRAC Commissioners

Daniel S. A. Lessard
280 Sanford Rd.
Alfred, ME 04002

To The BRAC
Commission,

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I consider myself a sharpened tool with all the skills I have attained from the constant training at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I'm a graduate apprentice of 1980 from the Pipe Shop (x56). I graduated from the Cross Training Program from Code 246 in 1989. I've been in Code 246 since 1983. While in Code 246 I've attained Tag-out skills, Test Directing skills, Test Planning Skills, Test Surveillance skills, CAD skills for maintaining our Test Boundary Diagrams, working closely with SUBMEPP's Test Pressure Diagrams. I have SHAPEC skills for preplanning Technical Work Documents for Pearl Harbor, Puget Sound, Norfolk and ourselves here at Portsmouth. I have AIM skills as a required process to track work/test performed.

As you can see, I have attained many skills to do my part to make Portsmouth Naval Shipyard a success story. I am not alone when it comes to others who are as sharp or sharper than I am as the tool they represent themselves for at Portsmouth as well as the Navy, and including the world to keep us from harm.

If this shipyard was to close down, what would happen to the tools that are ready for use? In my opinion, they would rust from neglect in performing the specialties they have attained. How can a tool with expertise in submarine warfare be utilized while working at Walmart? Will a shoe salesman remember what he was constantly trained on after months of fitting feet to shoes for an entire family day after day. Will a gas attendant at Citgo remember how to refuel a reactor when he sits idly by with nozzle in hand filling up a Lexus?

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is a toolbox filled with the personnel ready to perform their skills. We are Craftsmen and Craftswomen, better than what Sears has to offer for their line of tools. When these tools are gone, they are gone. Left to oxidize from abandonment.

Please keep us sharp, well oiled and ready for use. If one man can get a message through to save Portsmouth, then I hope my words will do.

Respectfully Yours,
A faithful employee

Daniel S.A. Lessard

John M. Higgins
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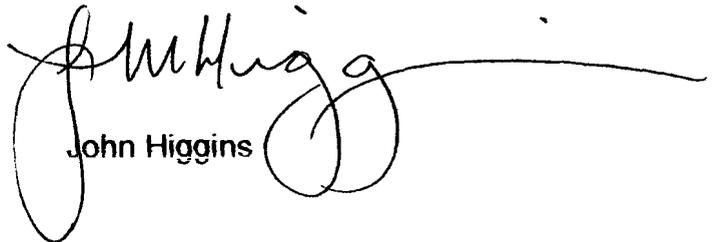
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Commissioner Anthony J. Principi
2005 Defense Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark Street Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioner Principi:

Before I express my thoughts on base closure I would like to thank you for writing the Uniformed Services Former Spouses Protection Act (USFSPA) bill. I had the pleasure of working in the same office ^{with} your wife, Elizabeth, when she was assigned to the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego. She told me that you wrote that bill on your kitchen table, my sincere thanks to you for your compassion.

Now I will tell you how I feel about the base closure at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I am a native of Portsmouth, NH. Both of my parents worked at the "yard", my father retired after 30 years of service and my mother was a welder there during WWII. Also, my ancestors, founders of Portsmouth and Kittery, were shipbuilders there.

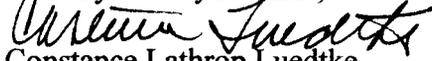
I am deeply saddened to hear that those who voted for closure of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) did not lift him or herself out of politics on this issue. I do not believe that turning the work over to a private shipyard will save money in the long-term. Saying that closing PNS will save 1.48 million over a 20-year period, and then spend at least a billion dollars a day in Iraq and Afghanistan is absurd.

To say that submarines are low on the list of military needs, the Chief of Naval Operations knows, the Trident submarine, on its own capabilities, is equal to the military power of the 5th or 6th most powerful nations on earth.

PNS has proven time and again that they build and maintain submarines to the highest of standards not only for their expertise but those workers at PNS have a secret, and that secret is HEART. You will not find that quality in private shipyard workers.

Lastly, I do not believe that the American people are ready for privatization of our military.

Thank you for your time,


Constance Lathrop Luedtke

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Admiral Harold Gehman
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Admiral Gehman,

I am an Industrial Engineer working at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and like you a Penn State graduate. I have worked at the shipyard since graduating three years ago. Over my three years at this yard I have seen an unparalleled commitment to improving processes and leading the Navy in submarine overhauls. This is a shipyard that is not sitting on its heels but rather moving forward in many areas in order to provide the finest product to the Navy.

The results of this shipyard's efforts are nothing short of stunning. Portsmouth consistently returns boats to the Navy under cost and ahead of schedule. **Because of the yards focus on improving processes, Engineering Refueling Overhauls are completed six months earlier, and \$75 million less than the averages of the other three shipyards. Depot Modernization Periods are completed 3 months earlier, and \$20 million less than the averages of the other three shipyards.** In all facets of submarine overhauls Portsmouth leads the way. As an IE I'm sure you can appreciate those numbers.

Please closely evaluate Portsmouth's value to the nation. I'm confident you will find that this shipyard far outperforms any other shipyard. Portsmouth has proven its value. Based on the numbers it is amazing that the nation's best performing yard is being considered for closure. Closing this national asset will only cost the US taxpayers in the long run. I'm certain that after seeing the value that Portsmouth provides the nation that you will vote to keep shipyard off of the closure list. US taxpayers deserve the best value for their tax dollars.

Respectfully,



Philip Halliwell
Industrial Engineer (PNS)

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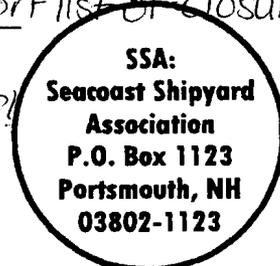
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Additional Comments:

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naval shipyard in Texas
wasn't considered → (short list of closures);
maybe because it is
President Bush' home state?!



Sincerely,

Mary Gosselin
Name

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Additional Comments: Our shipyard has proven to be one of the finest in the country. It's closure would not only be a great loss to our country but also the Portsmouth area that it is a vital part of.

Sincerely,

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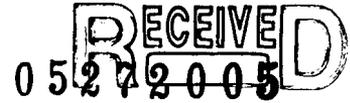


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May 24, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Arlington, Va. 22202

Hon. Anthony J. Principi



Sir:

This letter is in regard to the recommended closure of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) .

I am a retired DoD employee. My career started at PNSY and ultimately I became a manager at the Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA) and at the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). After considering several aspects of the closure criteria, I am opposed to the closure of PNSY.

Much has been written about the Navy's excess capacity. As I draft this letter, there are 5 submarines undergoing work at PNSY and NAVSEA has directed PNSY to supply personnel for off-site work, including Scotland, Puget Sound NSY, San Diego, Naval Sub Base New London, and Electric Boat. The projected workload for PNSY over the next several years appears to be on-going and stable. Newspaper reports indicate the same is true of the other 3 public yards.

Published figures regarding PNSY state that it will cost \$448 million to close, with a savings of \$1.26 billion over a 20 year period. I feel certain that the \$448 million figure is to close the physical plant. You should note that PNSY is the only shipyard, public or private, that regularly completes quality work below cost and ahead of schedule. This amounts to a significant savings to the Navy, the Federal Government, and to the taxpayer. These savings should be projected out 20 years also and added to the \$448 million dollar cost to close the yard, as well as subtracting this amount from the projected savings of \$1.26 billion. I feel certain that projected costs are biased in favor of closings.

Twenty year projections are extremely difficult. It has been my experience that 5 year projections are good for scheduling purposes, but invariably are inaccurate. Projections are virtually always based on known work and never includes funding or facility availability for the unexpected. On that basis it hardly appears advantageous to close a public shipyard with available dry docks and, more importantly, a nuclear license. Once the nuclear license is gone, it is virtually impossible to retrieve.

Newspaper articles attributed to unnamed Navy sources have indicated that PNSY can only work on SSN688 class submarines. This statement, if true, is highly inaccurate. PNSY, over the years, has worked on mostly submarines. That is true, but the people have worked on everything from tugboats to fleet oilers. Their present workload of SSN688 class submarines derives from Navy assignments. The harbor, the channels, the berths, the drydocks, and the personnel can accommodate many classes of ships.

Homeland security is a watchword of today's society. There are presently 3 Coast Guard cutters homeported at PNSY for secure berthing and availability for northeast coastline search and rescue as well as security patrols. The closure of PNSY would create a significant hole in the northeast security network.

The northeast, particularly Maine, does not have a robust economy. In referring to the prospect of PNSY closing, a University of Southern Maine economist (Charles Colgan) stated it was a "dreaded monster" that "may eat much of the state's future economic growth" and result in "a decade of essentially no job growth in Maine". If his projection is true, the economic impact on local communities will be devastating.

As a DoD employee, I always believed that politics did not enter military decisions. In this case, however, after reading Time (23 May 05); Newsweek (23 May 05); and articles in the Portsmouth NH newspaper, I am very concerned. It certainly appears that "blue states" lose a great deal and "red

states" will gain substantially. I sincerely hope that if politics is involved, your commission can and will separate military value from political acts.

Finally, I am amazed at the overall consolidation and the fact that only one public shipyard would remain on the East coast. I thought that after an event like Pearl Harbor or 9/11 ; diversification of assets was of paramount importance. In today's climate, North Korea, Iran, and China should warrant serious consideration in your deliberations.

In closing, I am against the closure of PNSY for the variety of reasons stated.

V/R

Arnold Dickinson
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Dear Commissioner Principi:

I am writing to express my deep opposition to the closing of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. As a civilian growing up in New London and now living in Portsmouth, I know the positive impact that the ship-building and repair yards have on a community. The Portsmouth Shipyard brings economic stability through good jobs for well-trained men and women (apprenticeship is four years, as long as a college education) and strong families who support schools and participate in community life. The Portsmouth Shipyard is also an integral part of the mixed economy on the Seacoast that offers many opportunities for workers outside the shipyards.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard recently received a commendation for a consistent track record of delivering submarine repairs ahead of schedule and under budget, the only repair station that has this track record. Closing the Shipyard therefore makes no sense in efficiency terms and there is no guarantee that Pearl Harbor or a private contractor will be able to match the record achieved in Portsmouth over many years.

Most importantly, however, the closing of the Portsmouth Shipyard and the likely reduction of other defense facilities leaves the eastern seaboard unprotected north of Virginia. A damaging attack to Norfolk would mean that the East Coast would be without a submarine facility, creating a direct threat to Washington D.C., New York and Boston, cities that are clearly targets for terrorist attacks. While I read that the Defense Department is moving away from submarines and other naval defense to air force and "surge" capabilities, there is also clear evidence that potentially hostile nations like China are building a fleet of swift, flexible submarines that can move quickly to any coastline.

As a citizen and taxpayer, I believe that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard makes an exceptional contribution to the economy of New England and to the defense of the United States. I ask that the Commissioners re-consider their recommendation and recommend full support for the continuation of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as a fully-employed, vital link in national defense.

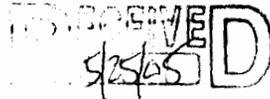
Sincerely,


Nike F. Speltz
Executive Director

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May 21, 2005

Mr. Anthony G. Principi,
Chairman of BRAC Commission
c/o BRAC Commission
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South Clark Street
Arlington, Virginia, 22202



My dear Mr. Principi,

I request that the Portsmouth
Naval Shipyard in Maine / New Hampshire
be kept in operation, for the good
of the country, the Navy, the New England
economic health.

My deceased husband and I
both were employed in the Design
Division of the Planning Department
there for many years. Therefore, I know
especially well the high quality of the
people and product of that shipyard. They
are superior. Closing that shipyard would
undermine the country, and devastate em-
ployment here.

Very truly yours,

Frances E. Murdock (Mrs. Burton Murdock)
(Frances [Cinnwell] Murdock)

May 18, 2005

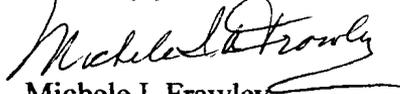
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Dear Mr. Principi:-

I am writing this letter to you to request that you keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open as a functioning shipyard for the United States of America. It would seem that those of us living in the USA are not being protected as we should be, while several other countries in the world are receiving aid and monies from us. This shipyard has always been an outstanding Naval operation with all work being done at the lowest cost to the taxpayers, the finest workmanship available and constantly bringing the projects in earlier than scheduled. What more do the citizens of this country want? The history of the Shipyard, as well as their record of excellence should be all that is needed to keep this fine operation up and running.

With the constant threat of terrorism within our own country, it would seem that this decision would be of the greatest importance....we do need to be protected on all sides which would include having the finest submarine fleet, as well as the finest air power to prevent any foreign country from attempting to make any inroads within the USA. We need the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.....Please help us maintain this outstanding base of operations on the Eastern Seaboard which has operated so successfully for over 200 years!!!

Sincerely yours,


Michele I. Frawley
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Sue Ann Doyle
89 Deer Hill Road
Brentwood, N.H. 03833
May 19, 2005

Dear Mr. Principi,

Please find enclosed some facts and figures that show an alarming oversight on the part of the Dept. of Defenses' inclusion of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the BRAC closure list. As a taxpayer I am outraged it is included on the list as the figures show it is the top tax dollar savings installation, with the top experienced workforce, delivering to the military quality workmanship you could bet your life on. It is my understanding part of the criteria for inclusion to the list is the cost effectiveness to the military is it not?

Another criteria looked at was the effect to the communities surrounding the facility. The Total Civilian Payroll Impact Map is only a part of the impact it will have on the surrounding communities even with the governments grants to offset the impact. The loss of revenue to the schools, due to lower enrollments with the loss of military and civilian employee's children would deal a huge blow to the quality of education. Yes, civilian children will be affected due to their parents having to relocate to find employment elsewhere. There certainly aren't other positions in the region to support the type of technical skilled workers who will lose their jobs. The civilian workforce at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard contribute to all aspects of community living, government, volunteering, recreational programs, the list goes on. If the Dept. of Defense thinks closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will have the least amount of impact on the communities around it they need to look again. It's not just the businesses that will go under due to the loss of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard but schools, recreation programs, and town governments will struggle also.

I am against closing any of the major bases listed on the BRAC list. This is not the time to be reducing the military but increasing it, with the situation in the Middle East, North Korea with nuclear capacity, the Chinese and Iran isn't looking to safe on that note.

With all due respect rethink closing Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the best, most cost effective, safest Shipyard in the country.

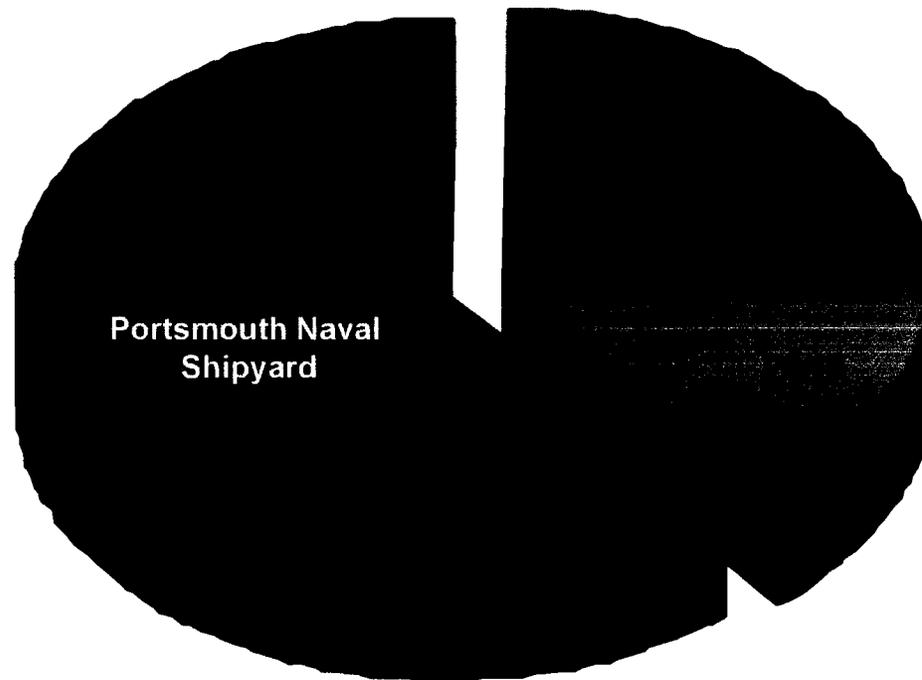
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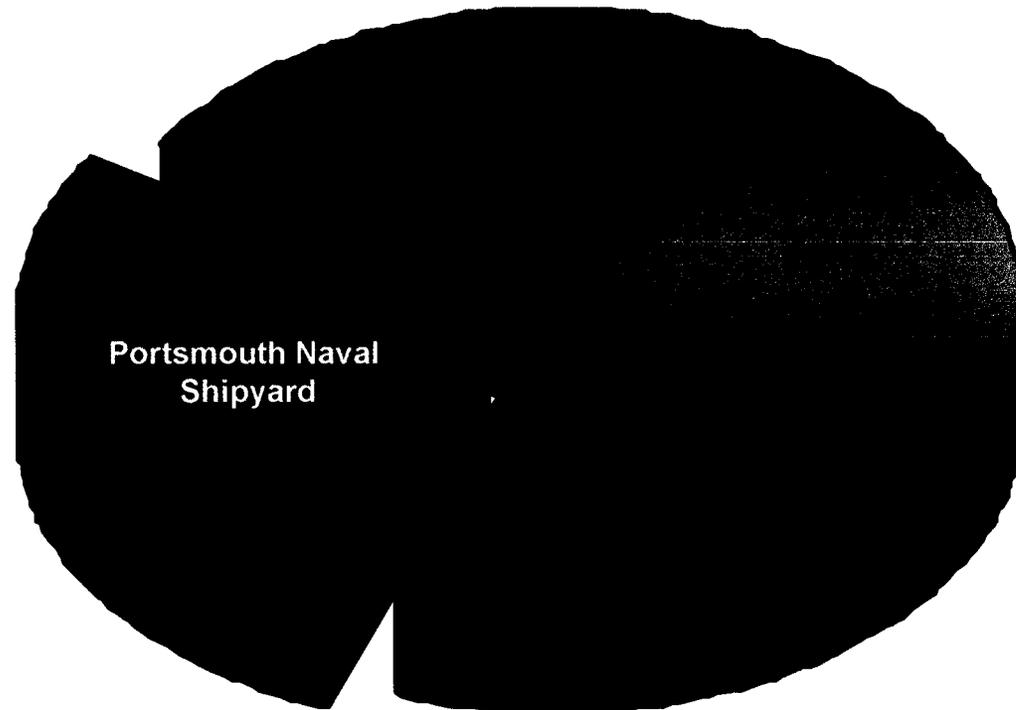
Which Naval Shipyard has the most submarine experience?



**Submarine
Construction/Overhaul Experience
(Naval Shipyards)**

Answer: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

**Which shipyard (public or private) has the most
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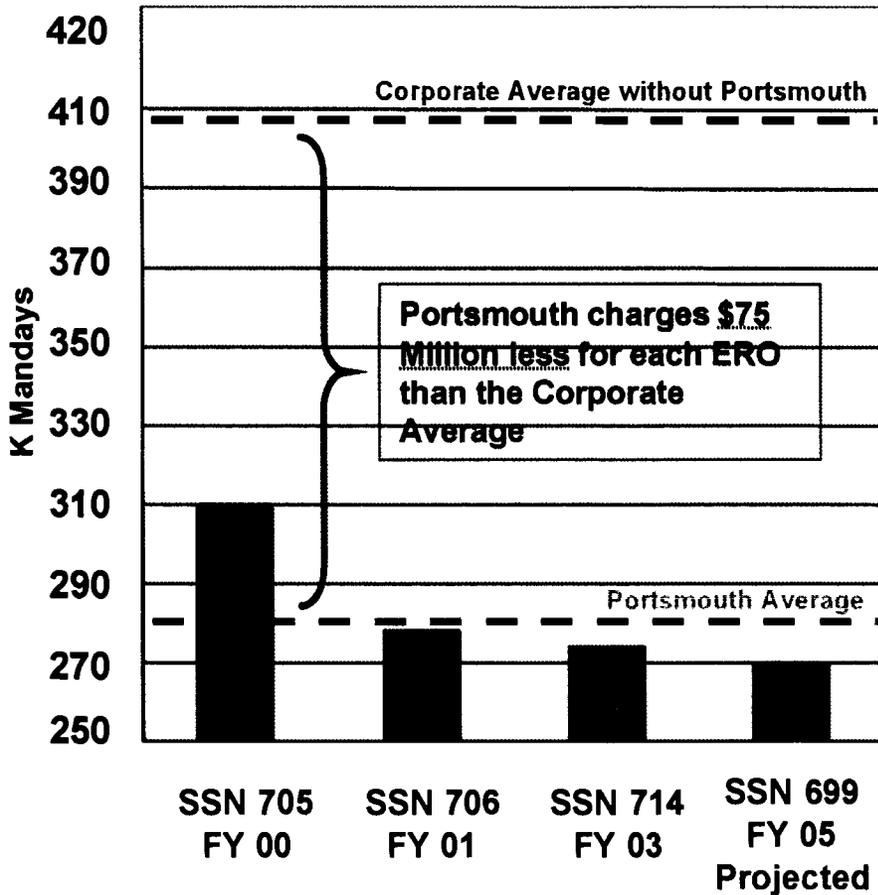
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(Active Shipyards)

Answer: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

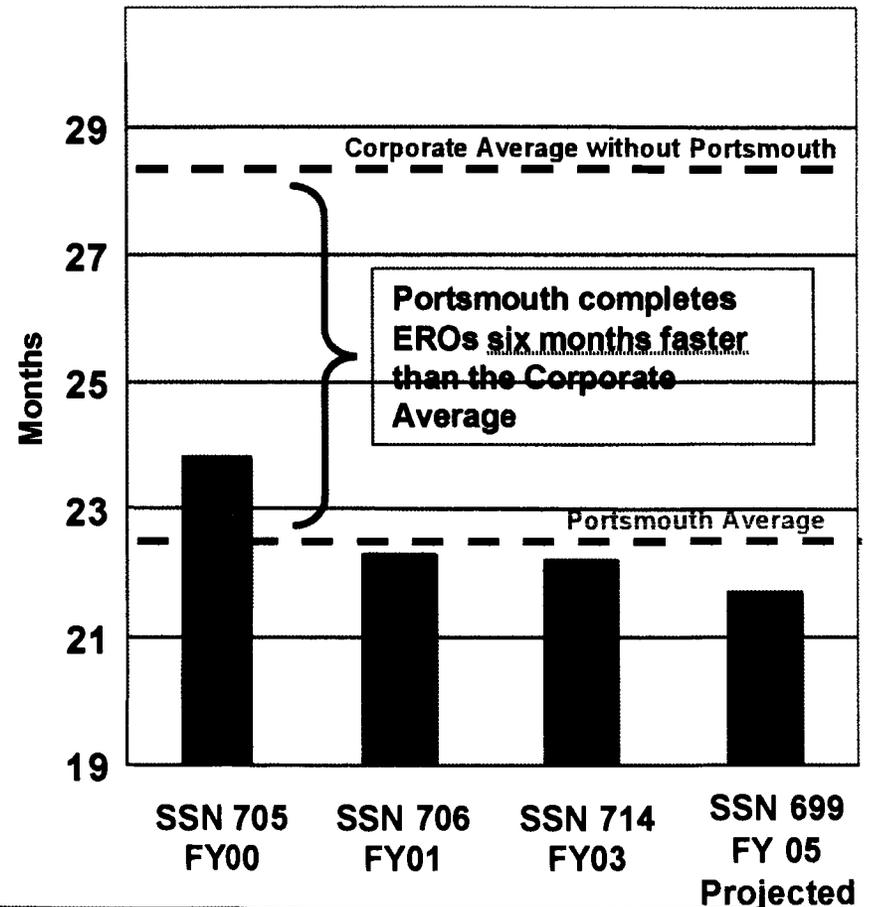


Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Reducing Cost and Schedule

**Engineered Refueling Overhauls
Type Commander Mandays
(Comparison of Similar Work)**



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Months Scheduled**

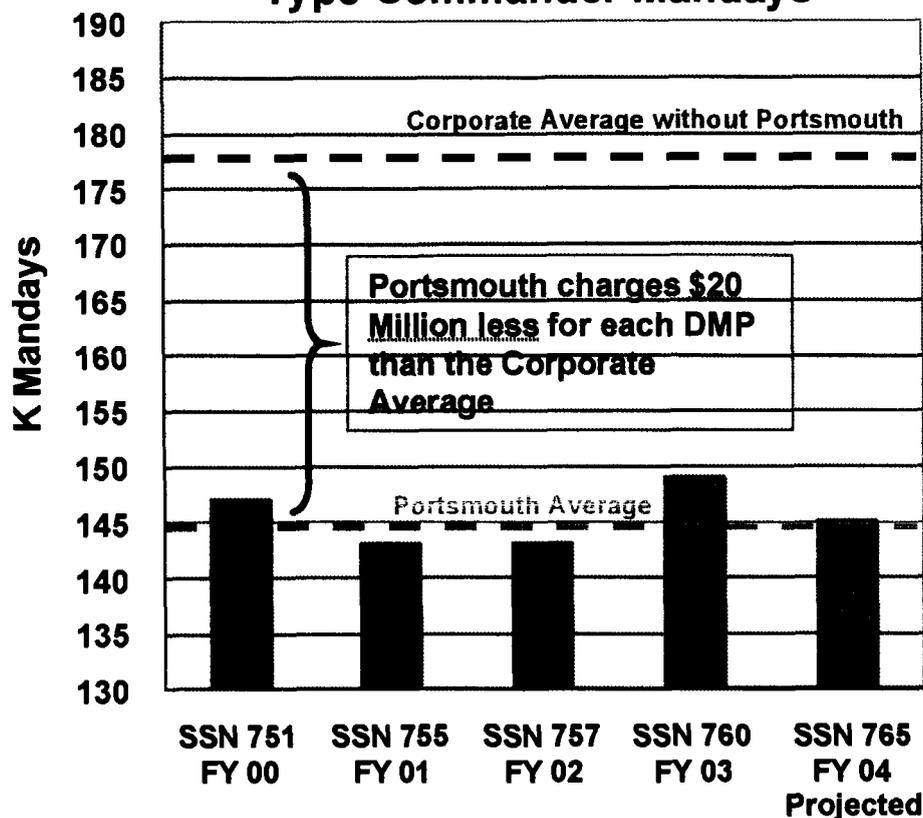


Every future availability accomplished at Portsmouth would realize these savings

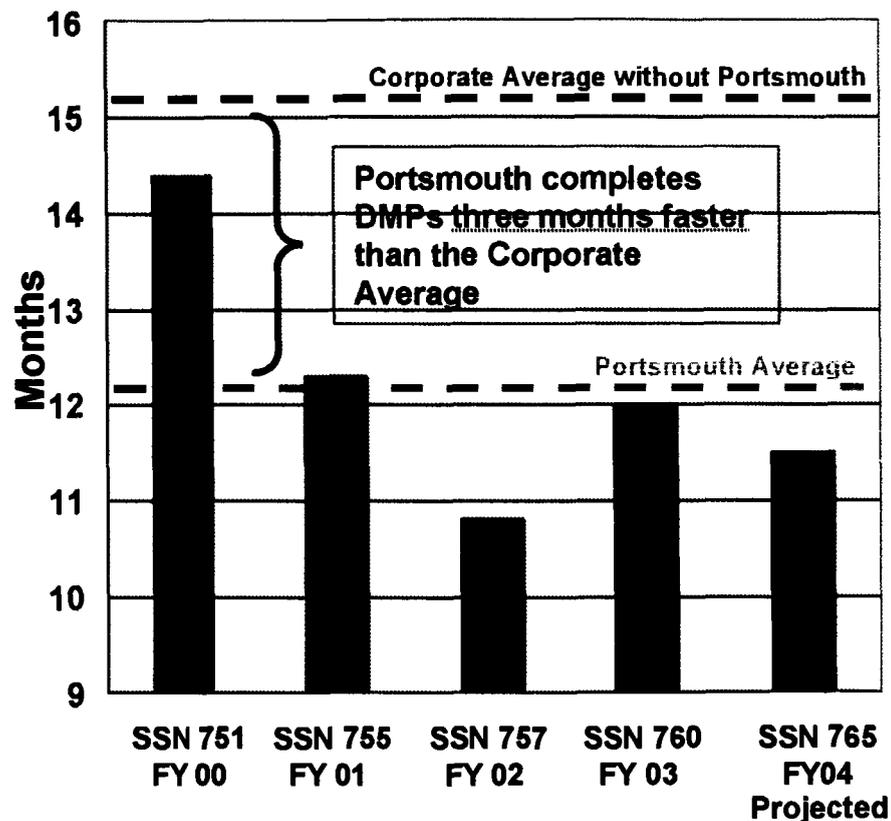


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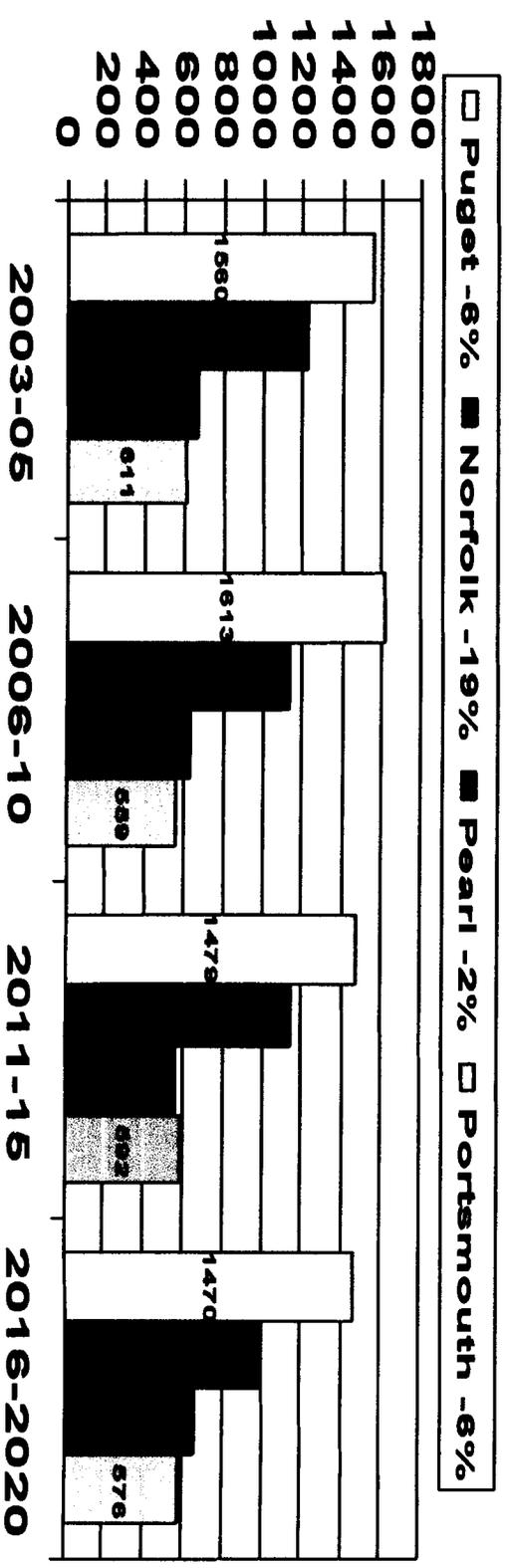
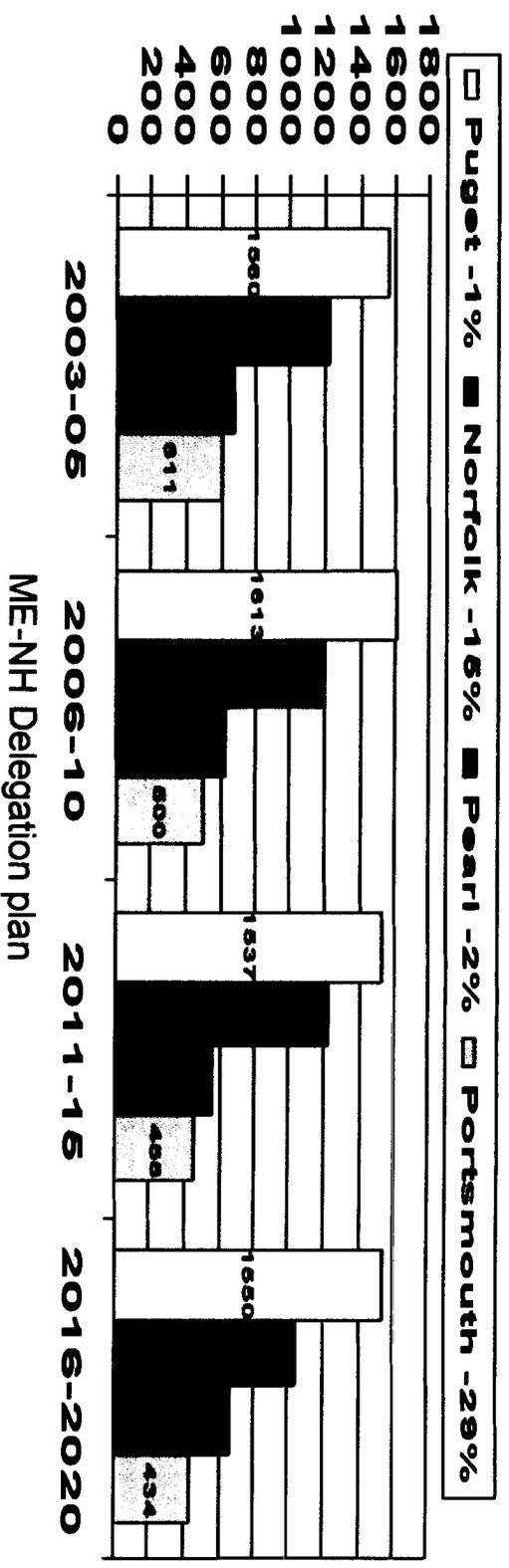
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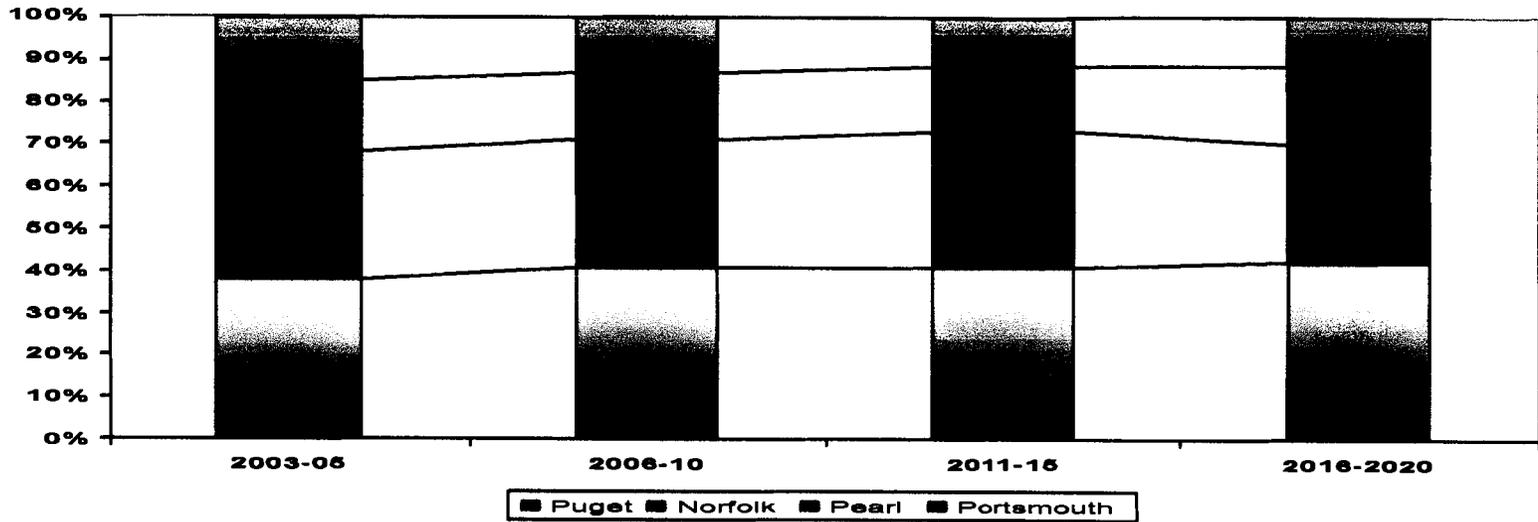
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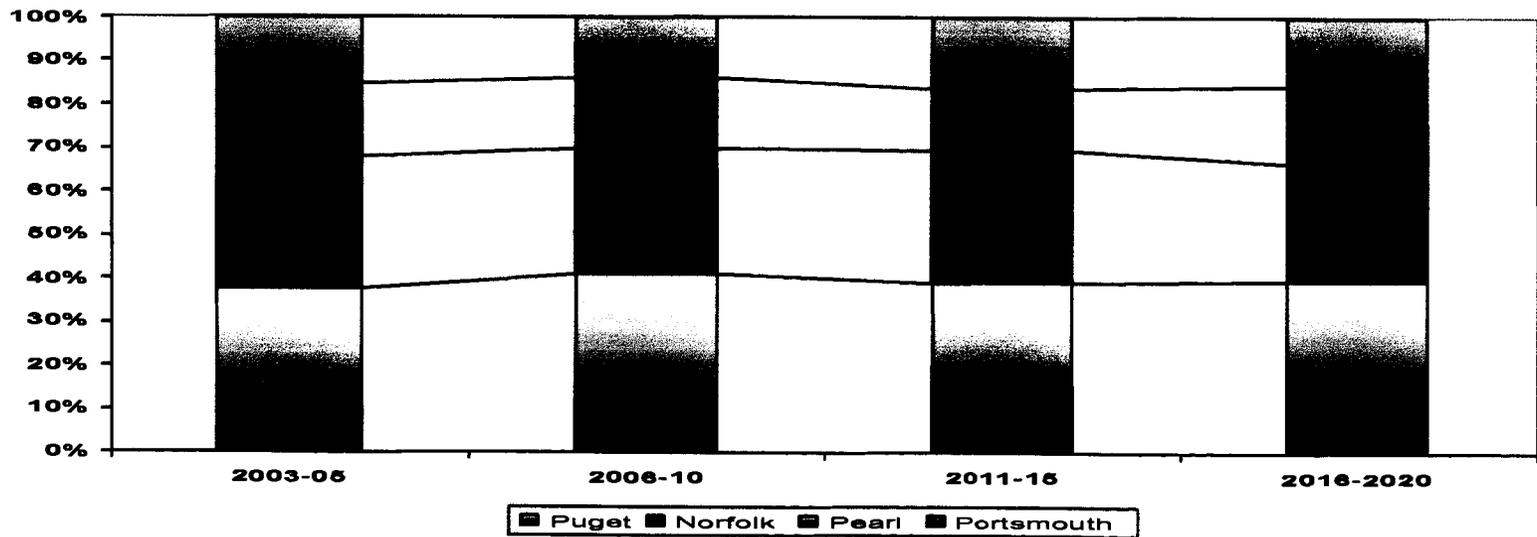
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Public yard workload share, in multi-year blocks

Navy plan



ME-NH Delegation plan



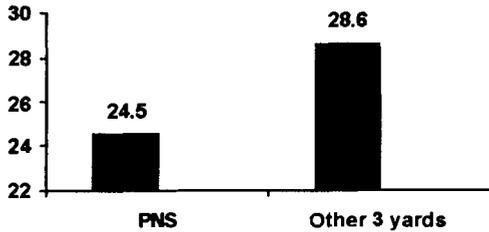
The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard current record: delivering savings and operational time to the Navy

EROs = 4 months quicker, \$86 million cheaper

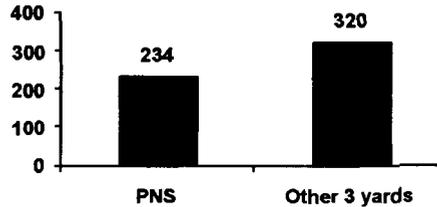
DMPs = 3.5 months quicker, \$28 million cheaper

(1995-2004)

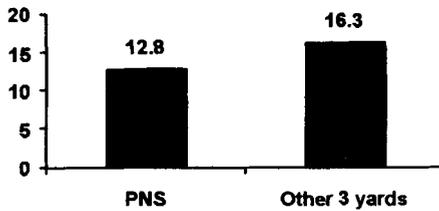
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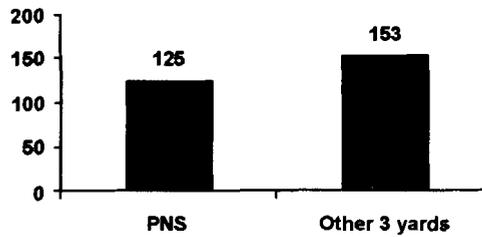
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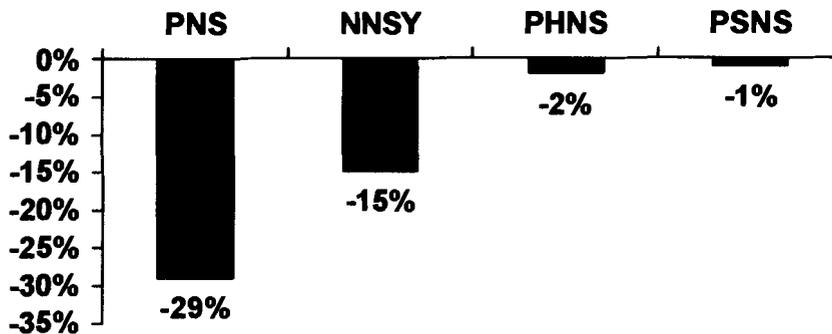


DMP cost, average (\$ millions)



The Navy response: shifting work away from PNS

Navy workload assignment trends through 2020



Portsmouth Naval Shipyard performance will save millions of dollars and years of operational time on future Engineered Overhauls (EOHs)

Using their current record-setting performance:

- Depot Modernization Periods = 180,000 Total Mandays
- Engineered Refueling Overhauls = 320,000 Total Mandays

Assuming:

- Conservative Portsmouth performance on EOHs of 240,000 Mandays
- Cost and schedule of future EOHs will be midway between ERO and DMP performance
- No LEAN or other process improvements considered

Savings to the Navy for every EOH performed at Portsmouth would be:

<p>57.5 Million Dollars & 3.8 Months of Submarine Operational Time</p>

One EOH at Portsmouth per year through 2018 will save:

<p>747.5 Million Dollars & 4.1 Years of Submarine Operational Time</p>

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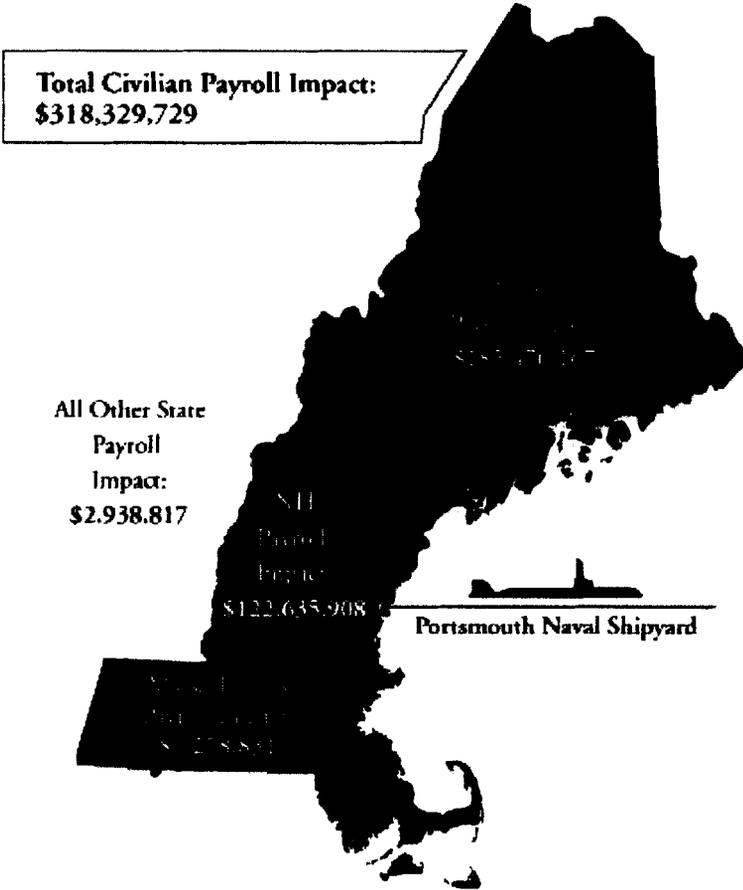
<p>1.27 Billion Dollars & 7 Years of Submarine Operational Time</p>
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Bottom Line

As the Submarine Force and Navy budgets continue to shrink, this conservative estimate of these significant potential savings will provide the Navy opportunities to recapitalize the Fleet

Year After Year: The PNS Record Keeps Building

<u>Year</u>	<u>Boat</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Cost</u>
1999	SSN701, USS La Jolla	26.3 mo	\$248.9M
2000	SSN705, USS City of Corpus Christi	23.8 mo	\$233.3M
2001	SSN706, USS Albuquerque	22.3 mo	\$225.0M
2003	SSN714, USS Norfolk	22.2 mo	\$254.7M*



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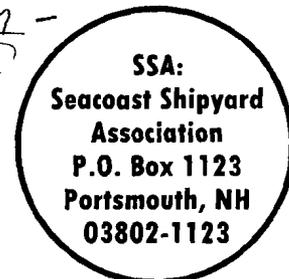
Additional Comments: _____

Don't put all those families out of a job - life is hard enough - think how you would if roles were reversed ...

Sincerely,

Lisa Pellegrine

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May 26, 2005

General Lloyd W. Newton (USAF, Ret.)
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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General Newton,

I am writing you today out of concern for the future of Navy depot maintenance and Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's role in maintaining fleet readiness. I began my professional career at Portsmouth as a nuclear test engineer and now work in information system integration and implementation ensuring that our information systems do what the project managers need.

I was fortunate to visit Pratt and Whitney earlier this year when you welcomed a joint team from NAVAIR and NAVSEA to examine your implementation of SAP enterprise software. Throughout our visit to your headquarters, the Middletown assembly facility and the Cheshire engine center, I was impressed by what an excellent job Pratt & Whitney had done integrating Lean principles with information systems and how management and labor seem to be unified in a common purpose (and I've said this to others – it's not just for your benefit). I hope you get the chance to visit Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as I feel we have a very similar approach to business. Process change and improvement has been a constant calling and we realize that no improvement is good enough. We take our responsibility as stewards of the taxpayer's money very seriously.

Gordon England has told you that the world, the country and the Navy have changed, that the Navy must adapt its infrastructure to better meet this new environment. He is certainly right that there has been change. I do not understand the reluctance to recognize that this change is not new and that pivotal events change the world over and over again. Who can project the shape of the world next year much less twenty or fifty years out? I can't believe that the century that brought us World Wars I (the war to end all wars) and II, Korea, Vietnam and the Cold War will be followed by a century of fighting an amorphous insurgency in the Middle East. Is China a firm ally forever (or even now) or a convenient trading partner for today? Their rapidly growing economy opens many opportunities to them. Is Russia truly defused for the foreseeable future? The changing economic balance of the world will have as much impact on the future as ideology and sovereignty. It would seem that a very conservative approach to national defense assets, especially those not easily reconstituted, would be advisable.

The Department of Defense has taken the view that consolidation of functions is the most efficient way to execute business. Efficiencies would theoretically be gained by moving Portsmouth's future work to other Naval Shipyards. The Navy's current strategy, the "One Shipyard" program, builds efficiency and strength with the opposite idea that a web of partnerships (including the two private, nuclear capable, shipyards; Northrop Grumman Newport News and General Dynamics, Electric Boat Division) using the flexibility of multiple

sites and workforces gets ship repair work done most efficiently. This model of interdependency is fundamentally stronger when there are more components, not less. Portsmouth has taken the One Shipyard initiative seriously and has worked closely with our regional neighbor Electric Boat. We share workers, overhaul processes and data and EB out-sources the operation of some of their ship repair information systems and engineering work to Portsmouth. Closing Portsmouth closes this partnership and an honest Electric Boat representative would tell you that the partnership would not work as well with another Naval Shipyard. I would also point out that if there is efficiency to be gained by making a large shipyard larger, why is Portsmouth, the smallest shipyard, the most efficient? Pratt & Whitney obviously finds benefits in having distributed capability with plants across the country and the world, including one in our backyard in North Berwick, Maine.

Over the next few months you will be shown that Portsmouth leads the Navy in Cost, Schedule, Quality and Safety (all supported with data) but I'd like to add Innovation to that list. Portsmouth has been the leader in taking transformation seriously and putting changes in effect to achieve results, not just PowerPoint slides. This is not easy to prove but I believe it lies behind the quantified performance data and therefore becomes pertinent in supporting the selection criteria. I lead a current initiative to transition Naval Shipyards to paperless work instructions (I was very interested to see Pratt & Whitney's work in this area). Portsmouth has championed this project and has been given the lead to develop it even though individual shipyards do not usually develop corporate software. This is one recent example where our leadership in innovation is being recognized. Others are Portsmouth being named as the Lead Shipyard for SSN 688 Class Work to standardize and improve work processes across the all the shipyards and being named the Value Stream Champion for two of the six value streams (Project Priorities and Technical Planning) being developed for the next generation of corporate project management processes and software. I don't believe this organic capability can be reconstituted by relocating jobs as it results from years of organizational evolution.

I know my viewpoint is biased by being deeply committed to the operation of Portsmouth and because my family and I will be seriously affected by a closure but I have tried to express the issues that I feel have been given too little consideration. I appreciate your time in reading this and I hope I have opened some avenues to probe in the information you are being given.

Sincerely,



Dana L. Stairs
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Cc: The Honorable Anthony J. Principi – Chairman, The Honorable James H. Bilbray, The Honorable Philip Coyle, Admiral Harold W. Gehman, Jr., (USN, Ret.), The Honorable James V. Hansen, General James T. Hill (USA, Ret), The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner, Brigadier General Sue E. Turner (USAF, Ret.)

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July 20, 2005

2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear BRAC Commission:

My name is Nicole Andrews, and I am a new resident to Bowdoinham, Maine. As a new neighbor, I have been educating myself on local politics and occurrences in the area. Like many residents I am extremely distressed about the fate of NAS Brunswick. My worries increased tremendously today when I learned the plans for NAS Brunswick changed from proposed realignment to closure.

In conjunction with this news an Admiral spoke in Washington, D.C. acknowledging the important role NASB played in 9/11. Our local base deployed some of the first aircrafts to arrive in New York. After stating the previous, he continued to say he did not feel this necessitated keeping the base operational. To me that says how could we even think about closing it?

The Northeast has numerous locations which need the protection and surveillance the P-3 community provides. As we all know, New York and Boston are constantly at threat for terrorist attacks. Closing NASB would leave the Northeast extremely vulnerable.

Let's also consider some of the politics that play into it. It is widely recognized that the Northeast has been targeted for base closures and realignments at a higher rate than other state. At the present, the P-3 bases are located in Washington State, Hawaii, Florida and Maine. It is sensible to have these four coastal locations to protect our country. However, it doesn't make sense that the base which protects such important locations such as DC, NYC and Boston is in danger of closing. It is political. There seems to be an unfair want to appease constituents in Red states to foster political relations for upcoming elections. Therefore, bases in blue states are targeted to save the necessary funds. We cannot let politics jeopardize our country!

Recently, the P-3 base in Rhoda, Spain was closed. The P-3 community cannot afford such a quick downsizing. We need to keep this platform up and running, especially so we have a place to house the MMA (the new aircraft which will be replacing the P-3). NASB recently spent millions to build a hanger large enough to fit the MMA. It is the only P-3 base with such an amenity. Additionally, the P-3 played an extremely crucial role in the recent war in Iraq. It would be foolish to downsize the fleet of such an important aircrafts.

I greatly appreciate your assistance in this matter. It is of the utmost urgency that the concerns of this community and the concerns for the safety of this community be brought to Washington with full force. I would like to know what is being done to save this important asset to our national security and am willing to assist in any efforts.

Very respectfully,



Nicole Andrews

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Anthony Principi,
Chairman Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
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Dear Chairman Principi:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

I was a former Chief Engineer at the Shipyard and was heavily involved in developing the conceptual plan for modernizing the Shipyard. That plan was implemented by the Navy at a cost of \$38 million, and is the primary reason why the Shipyard is maintaining and overhauling submarines faster and at less cost than any other shipyard.

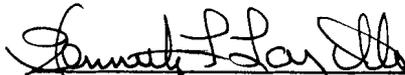
While the foregoing Shipyard accomplishments are laudable there is a far more pressing issue for keeping the Shipyard open. The Department of Defense is not looking far enough ahead. There are countries like China, countries that I hope we don't have a conflict with, but if we do, we will need submarines and submarine shipyards. China has the second largest defense budget and is currently building up their submarine fleet. If they invade Taiwan, then because of our promise to protect Taiwan, we will surely be at war.

If we close Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, it will be gone forever. It's not like closing an air base; an air base can be rebuilt most anywhere. Not so with a shipyard.

Also, in closing the Shipyard, we will lose a very valuable nuclear certified facility and highly skilled people. This capability could never be replaced fast enough to support a war.

I look forward to your understanding and actions by the BRAC Commission to better assure our long term defense posture by keeping Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open.

Respectfully yours,


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Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Morrill
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May 31, 2005

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521 South Clark Street
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Dear Sirs and Madam of the Commission,

As citizens of the State of New Hampshire we implore you to remove the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard of Kittery, Maine from your closure list.

The economic impact of this closure will be felt in New Hampshire as well as our neighboring states of Maine and Massachusetts. Initial reports have estimated the impact of revenue to our state at 120 million dollars. Its closure impacts the families of some 4,800 civilian workers who have served the Navy well including a member of our family. On May 12, 2005, one day before receiving notice it would be on the closure list, this highly trained workforce received the highest commendation from the Navy for their superior work and safety record.

Closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard means losing the shipyard:

- with the most submarine experience
- with the most nuclear submarine overhaul and refueling experience, public or private
- that continually reduces costs to the Navy and completes jobs ahead of schedule delivering savings in the millions and operational time to the Navy as well as warfighter support
- with the most skilled workforce
- with a nuclear license
- with a strategic deep water port
- with state-of-the-art dry docks

We also feel the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is a matter of national security with a coastline that needs to be protected as well as a nuclear power plant only miles away.

Please vote to take the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard off the closure list.

Sincerely,

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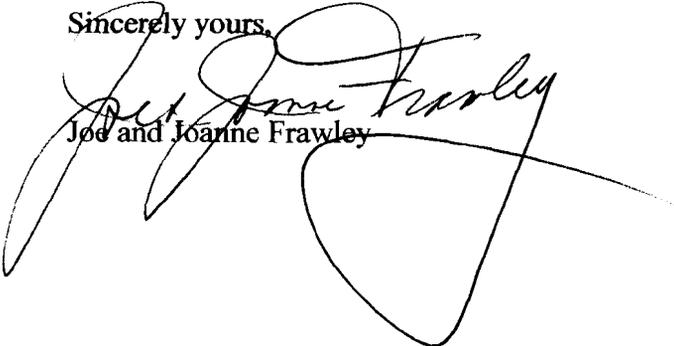
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Dear Mr. Principi:-

We are writing this letter to you to request that you keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open as a functioning shipyard for the United States of America. It would seem that those of us living in the USA are not being protected as we should be, while several other countries in the world are receiving aid and monies from us. This shipyard has always been an outstanding Naval operation with all work being done at the lowest cost to the taxpayers, the finest workmanship available and constantly bringing the projects in earlier than scheduled. What more do the citizens of this country want? The history of the Shipyard, as well as their record of excellence should be all that is needed to keep this fine operation up and running.

With the constant threat of terrorism within our own country, it would seem that this decision would be of the greatest importance....we do need to be protected on all sides which would include having the finest submarine fleet, as well as the finest air power to prevent any foreign country from attempting to make any inroads within the USA. We need the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.....Please help us maintain this outstanding base of operations on the Eastern Seaboard which has operated so successfully for over 200 years!!!

Sincerely yours,


Joe and Joanne Frawley

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A Case for Opposition to the BRAC Process in General, and Closure of Portsmouth
Naval Shipyard in Particular.

The United States of America is not ancient Sparta, a society where the state and populace exist to support and serve the military. To the contrary, the US military is Constitutionally structured with civilian leaders at the top of the hierarchy. The US military exists to support, protect, and defend the U.S. citizenry.

U.S. Government and military contracting policy by law takes into account status as a minority and/or female in awarding of contracts. This is supposedly in recognition of their economic disadvantage. The proposed realignment and relocation of military bases clearly indicates a movement to the South and West of our nation at the expense of the North and East regions. The Pentagon's official explanation for this movement has coined the phrase "jointness" to describe the policy of moving the military closer together. (This is eerily reminiscent of the Army's policy of parking all its aircraft together at Wheeler and Hickam fields in Hawaii to protect them from sabotage prior to the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor). Shall our military's policy be to "militarily disadvantage" entire geographic regions of our nation in pursuit of "jointness"?

Communities existing around military installations have supported the military that won the Cold War and many previous wars; and in the case of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, all our nation's wars all the way back to the War of 1812. They developed their economies around support of military missions. The military presence drew and utilized a significant portion of these regions technical and craft skills that otherwise would have been directed toward non-military economic development. A change to military mission should not be the sole basis for abandonment of communities that for so long supported, formed, and maintained a symbiotic relationship with the military. The US military should not behave like a parasite that takes what it needs from a host and then moves on.

All areas of the country pay taxes that support and fund the military. All regions should share in the disbursement of those tax dollars as spent by the military. Some measure of tax dollars that flow into the U.S. military should in turn be spent with some degree of equity throughout the country. We all shoulder the economic burden; we should all reap the economic benefits. The military should strive to spend its resources responsibly, but not to the almost complete exclusion of entire geographic regions of the country. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is among the last significant U.S. military presence in New England.

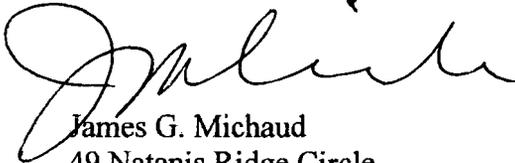
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relocate as blithely assumed by the military. Their services will be forever lost to the Navy. Today's high tech US Navy cannot afford to lose the services of any of its best and brightest workers.

My primary job function at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has been as a waterfront engineer. In this capacity I routinely evaluate the material condition of the majority of the mechanical systems in submarines being serviced at the shipyard. I must tell you that it is not uncommon to observe the results of substandard repairs that have been previously accomplished by other repair activities. The philosophy of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is that there can be no compromise of quality, regardless of other driving factors. It is no secret with the submarine community that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the number one facility in terms of quality of repairs, as well as in terms of cost and schedule compliance. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard leads the world in submarine repair technology and methodology. The US Navy and our nation cannot afford to lose the services of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Respectfully Submitted,



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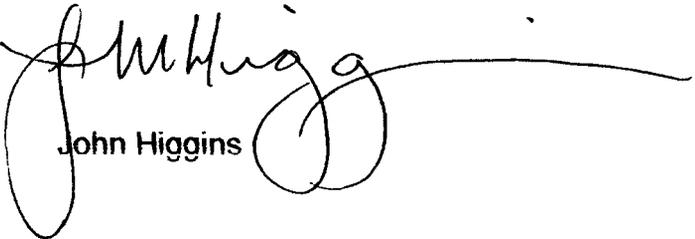
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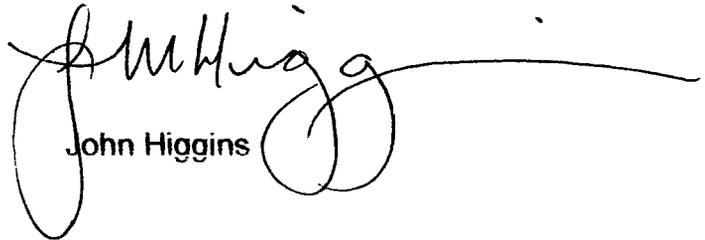
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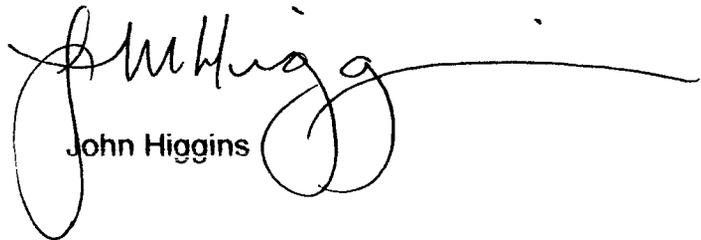
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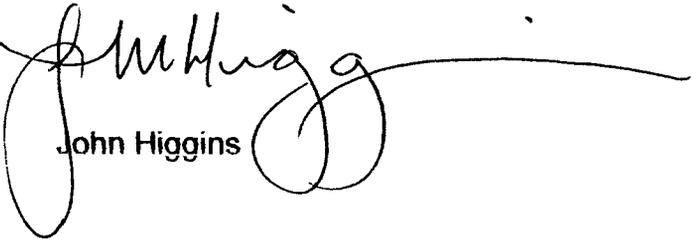
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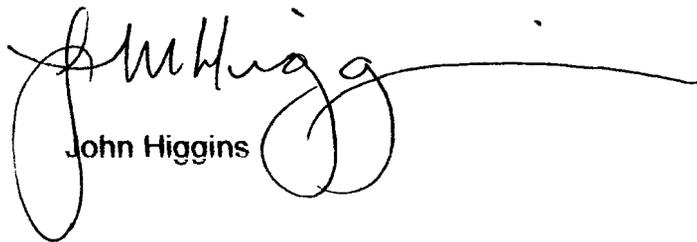
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Very Respectfully,



John Higgins

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18 May 2005

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BRAC Commission, Polk Building
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Arlington, VA 22202

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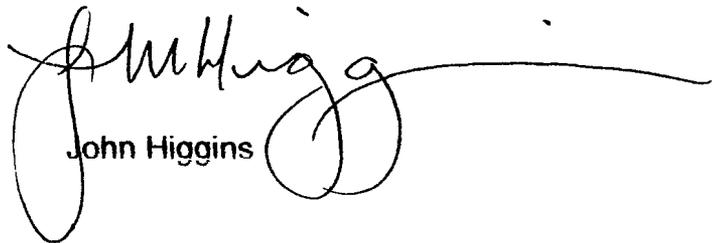
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To whom it may concern -
I am writing this letter to the division
of 1300 -

As a resident of the State of New York
I am aware of the fact that I have
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have an station.

It is my desire that the East Coast
uninterrupted, let you it, please try to and
over the East Coast to pay more, if
would also be economically generous
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reconsider your position.

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Respectfully
Janice Johnson
84 Banner Rd
Rockland, Me 04841

May 27, 2005

Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
Polk Bldg. Suites 600 & 625
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

The recent BRAC list has a glaring mistake on it: The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNSY) should not be slated for closure!! For 206 years the shipyard has diligently served the United States from the seacoast of Maine and New Hampshire. PNSY has one of the finest reputations of any shipyard throughout it's long history. It is currently the most productive and cost saving shipyard our country has-either public or private. PNSY saves our government both money and time on every submarine overhaul it does. It just doesn't make good business sense to close it down.

The BRAC list also hit the northeast part of the country the hardest. Closing so many bases in one area of the country is exposing that area to terrorist attacks. (Not to mention the hard economic times that will hit following the closures.) Homeland Security needs to be considered in the base closures. It seems as if the BRAC list is leaving the northeast dangerously exposed to future attacks. Presently, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is home to 3 Coast Guard Cutters that help patrol the US coastlines and keep Americans safe. Our Yard is a multi tasking, efficient, money saving operation of the US Navy and should not be closed! PNSY's capabilities are diverse and can effectively adapt to changes needed in the future.

Is closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard the reward that the #1 shipyard in the country deserves? You are affecting 4800 hard working, efficient, honest workers and their families. (Not to mention all the businesses in the area that will have to close because PNSY will no longer be there.) Our family is just one of thousands in the area that now are very uncertain about the future: For how long will the jobs at PNSY be there? Will we have to uproot our children from our extended families, the home we built, our community and relocate? Will Kittery, Maine, where PNSY is located, even be a town that we would want to raise our children in after the shipyard closes? What will happen to Kittery's school system? What will happen to taxes in town when so many people will be forced to move out of the area to find work? Just the day before the BRAC list was made public; Portsmouth Naval Shipyard received a prestigious award for excellence from the Navy!! Keeping PNSY on the BRAC list and closing it just doesn't make sense!

Please consider all aspects of closing such an efficient, money and time saving shipyard as Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. America would be in better shape today if all companies obtained the high level of performance and excellence that PNSY has maintained for years! Please Mr. Principi, take the Portsmouth Naval off the BRAC list and Save Our Shipyard for the future of America.

Sincerely,


John & Linda Lorrey
Kittery Point, Maine

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May 25, 2005.

Base Realignment & Closure Comm.,
2521 South Clark St., Suite 600,
Arlington, VA, 22202.

Commissioners,

As a veteran and concerned citizen of Maine, I do sincerely implore you to reconsider your position on the closing and realignment of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the Brunswick Naval Air Station.

By your own assessment, they are vitally needed. You have cited the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard as "the best" submarine repair yard in America. You have further identified the Brunswick Naval Air Station as the only operational air field on the East Coast equipped to handle the Navy's new PS, with its new control tower, runway, barracks, and hangar. Jacksonville would have to build all of these, and still be far from the most populated center of the nation.

For the sake of our national security, these facilities must be kept operational. And to further avoid the loss of more than 12,000 jobs from our economy.

Do not close or realign these two vitally necessary facilities.

Sincerely,



Raymond E. Hanscom,
304 Ridge Road,
Marshfield, ME, 04654.

cc:Veteran WW II & Korea
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President George W. Bush
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue
Washington, DC 20500

May 30, 2005

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Dear President Bush,

I know its unlikely that you will ever see this letter, and it is probably a waste of time for me to write it, but I must express my feelings regarding the 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process in this letter.

For the most part, I have trusted your leadership and agree, on most issues, in what you are trying to accomplish. However, I am very disappointed that you and the Secretary of Defense have decided to continue with the 2005 BRAC. My husband is a federal employee of the Department of the Navy working at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine. With the help of his steady employment, we have raised four children; three have graduated from college (including one who recently received his master's degree); and one, our youngest daughter is cognitively impaired, and will not be able to go to college. We have worked very hard to raise our children with moral values and a total sense of being patriotic citizens. We have a nephew stationed in Iraq who is an officer in the USMC, and we fully support his role there.

It is very hard for me to understand why, when we are at war, you can allow a BRAC to occur. I know what Mr. Rumsfeld said, "The cold war is over and we need to revamp our military." However, I strongly disagree with him on the need for a BRAC at this time. I guess it is true that everyone has forgotten "911". The impact was not on the west coast or the south, it was the northeast. Above all else, the terrorists have proven that they can and will attack anywhere.

I feel that you are allowing Mr. Rumsfeld to take everything away from New England; IT IS WRONG TO DO THAT.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's performance record speaks for it self. They have done the best work of any shipyard, under cost, with quality work and ahead of schedule. Please explain to me how with all the work that is being done in all the shipyards in this country you can close even **one**? In fact, each of the Naval shipyards relies on each other to perform some of the specialized work, so they do not duplicate effort between themselves. The Navy has referred to this as the "One Shipyard Concept." Now, Mr. Rumsfeld has decided he knows better than all the Admirals and other Navy leaders who have worked so hard to make our Naval shipyards more efficient. Frankly, we have closed enough shipyards in the previous BRACs.

I want to make myself perfectly clear; you should not be allowing **any** Naval shipyard to close. Please help me understand where Mr. Rumsfeld's head is because it not with the people of THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

We are close to retirement ourselves, but I worry about the young families of this area and other areas in our country. When Pease Air Base, Portsmouth NH, was closed during the 1993 BRAC it was devastating to our area. Believe me, this area has not recovered, even though some very naive people report that it has. Our area has not and never will fully recover from that closure. Not only has our area suffered, but also New England will have virtually NO military protection if you close Naval Air Station Brunswick, Brunswick Maine, (Yes - taking the planes out of Brunswick IS closing the base), Otis ANG Base, Cape Cod Massachusetts, and the Submarine Base in New London, Connecticut. Basically Mr. President, you are telling us that in a post September 11 United States of America its "Ok" to leave the northeast unprotected from Virginia to the Canadian border; well its NOT Ok!

At first, I was very disappointed in the military brass for supporting Mr. Rumsfeld's BRAC recommendations. Then, I was reminded that they (the military brass) have to agree with (obey) Mr. Rumsfeld, or they are "out"; isn't that a sad statement of what our country stands for, that the men and women who defend our country can't even voice their opinions because of politics in a process claimed to be non-political.

This whole BRAC is wrong and I will stand up and argue, as hard as I can, to stop this travesty. Why, when we are at war, do we have to make another war here at home?

I support you Mr. President in almost everything you do and in what you stand for. Please consider stopping this fiasco, remember we should be doing all we can to support our troops here and abroad. But, we should also be supporting the men and women (federal employees) who prepare the equipment and weapons systems used by our troops and sailors in the war on terrorism, and not taking their focus away from Job-1 during a time of war.

Please Mr. President Stop this BRAC NOW before it is too late.

Sincerely,



Mary M. Tarpey
20 Field Ave.
York, Maine 03909

Cc; Senators Snowe, Collins, Gregg, Sununu, Kennedy, Kerry, Dodd, Lieberman;
Representatives Allen, Michaud; Governors Baldacci, Lynch, Romney, Rell, and
Chairman BRAC Commission

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Rush, Jr.
40 Elm Street
East Millinocket, ME 04430

May 31, 2005

BRAC Commissioner
25 21 South Clark St.
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioner Mowbray:

The Portsmouth Navy Shipyard in New

Hampshire should not be closed as it

is efficient and vital to our defense. It

attracted all of our eyes should not be

in the same basket. Also, keep planes

at the Brunswick Naval Airbase for

major in the north and to protect part

of our plane fleet from the numerous

threat in the south each year.

Signed: Harry A. Rush, Jr.

May 26, 2005
41 Brixham Rd.
York, Maine
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Anthony Principi, BRAC Commission Chairman

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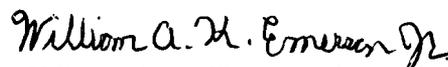
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Please do the right thing! Remove the Naval Shipyard Portsmouth from the closure list. Send more work in the direction of this facility that has proven it is the best in the business of submarine maintenance, modernization, and overhaul work.

Respectfully,


William A. K. Emerson Jr.


Susan A. Emerson

Emerson William A PORT

From: Iverson Jonathan C CAPT PORT
Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 8:27 AM
Subject: FW: Meritorious Unit Commendation Awarded to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

To my fellow Shipyarders, Congratulations! **This Shipyard team has received the Meritorious Unit Commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations.** This is indeed a high honor and a recognition of your outstanding achievements. You have earned this commendation through hard work, commitment and a sheer determination to bring our performance to the next level. I am so proud to be part of this tremendous Shipyard team. Hats off to the men and women of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, both civilian and military, who together have built this record of performance. Bravo Zulu!

The Citation reads as follows:

For meritorious service from 11 September 2001 to 30 August 2004. The personnel of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and tenant activities consistently and superbly performed their mission while establishing a phenomenal record of cost, schedule, quality and safety performance. The Shipyard embraced the One Shipyard Initiative and is leading the transformation of our Navy's nuclear ship maintenance base through innovation and the application of Lean industrial practices. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard personnel established new performance levels for submarine maintenance, modernization, and overhaul work by producing business results that are the benchmark among public and private sector nuclear shipyards. The Shipyard completed six major submarine availabilities early, exceeded Net Operating Result financial goals, reduced injuries by more than 50 percent and exceeded the Secretary of Defense's Fiscal Year 2006 Stretch Goal for lost workday compensation rates two years early. Naval Shipyard Portsmouth's extraordinary performance is translating into increased U.S. Submarine Fleet readiness. By their unrelenting determination, perseverance, and steadfast devotion to duty, the officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees of Naval Shipyard Portsmouth reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service.

*For the Secretary,
signed
V.E. CLARK
Admiral, United States Navy
Chief of Naval Operations*

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Anthony Principi
Chairman, BRAC Commission
Department of Veterans Affairs
Washington, DC 20011

April 5, 2005

Dear Mr. Principi,

This letter is being written in support of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS), during the up coming Base Realignment and Closure rounds. PNS has completed the most overhauls on nuclear powered and ballistic missile submarine. PNS holds the current cost and schedule records (public or private) for the Los Angeles class submarines. PNS is also the Navy's expert when it comes to special mission submersibles.

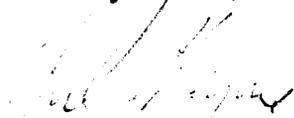
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PNS currently holds the cost and schedule performance record for Los Angeles class submarine overhauls. In 2003, the USS Albuquerque (SSN 706), was delivered a month earlier than any other shipyard. The ship was also delivered 16 million dollars under budget. In 2002, the USS Alexandria (SSN 757) was delivered just under six weeks faster than any other Navy yard. It was also returned on budget. PNS has completed its last three Engineered Refueling Overhauls in less man-days than the previous overhauls. The same can be said about Depot Modernization Periods. Each of the last three has been completed faster than the previous overhaul.

PNS is the Navy's leader in special mission submersibles. It not only performs submersible overhauls, it also directs life cycle maintenance and system upgrades on the Navy's deep diving special mission submarines. These submarines include Naval Research 1 (NR1) and the USS Dolphin (AGSS555). It is also vital in planning, engineering and maintenance work affiliated with Advance Seal Delivery System Vehicles. It also installs submarine rescue systems.

PNS is a vital base to the United States Navy. It is the most experienced shipyard when it comes to nuclear and non-nuclear overhauls. Its record stands alone when it comes to delivering product on time and under budget. It is also the leader in new technology, such as the USS Dolphin and the NR1. This evidence proves the point that we should be the last base to close, not the first. I hope this letter is found useful in protecting the shipyard.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl W. Gregoire', written in a cursive style.

Carl W. Gregoire

June 2, 2005

Anthony Principi, BRAC Commission Chairman
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2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA. 22202

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Dear Mr. Principi,

I am writing to express my outrage in placing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the Defense Base Closure list. I understand the bulk of our nuclear powered fast attack submarine force is comprised of Los Angeles Class Submarines. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has distinguished itself as the leader in establishing cost and schedule performance records for Los Angeles Class Submarine overhauls and refuelings.

The performance of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has surpassed all other public and privately owned facilities by continually providing submarines back to the fleet below cost and ahead of schedule.

I recently read a Meritorious Unit Citation. The citation was dated May 12 2005.

Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations. The citation was dated as follows:

“For meritorious service from 11 years at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and tenant activities, the Shipyard achieved a phenomenal record of cost, schedule and safety. The Shipyard embraced the One Shipyard Initiative and is leading the way in innovation and the application of new technologies. It established new performance records and is producing business results that are unprecedented. The Shipyard completed six major goals, reduced injuries by more than 50 percent. Stretch Goal for lost workday cost was achieved. Extraordinary performance is the result of the Shipyard’s unrelenting determination, persistence and the dedication of its military and civilian employees of Naval Shipyard. The Shipyard upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service”

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Personnel of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard embraced the One Shipyard maintenance base through the dedication of all Shipyard personnel in the overhaul work by the private sector nuclear shipyards. The Operating Result financial performance of Defense’s Fiscal Year 2006 was a testament to the Shipyard Portsmouth’s readiness. By their actions, the Shipyard’s officers, enlisted personnel, and civilians upheld the

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is saving us “the taxpayers” money and provides a superior product back to the submarine fleet ahead of schedule. Why would anyone even consider closing a facility with this type of record!

As Admiral Vern Clark stated Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the “benchmark among public and private sector nuclear shipyards”. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is a facility that has demonstrated time and time again that it can perform its assigned duties while setting cost and schedule performance records in the defense of this country.

Please, do not allow this facility to get caught up in a politically incorrect decision for closure. Review the performance data and recommend the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard remain open to continue to support the defense of our country.

Respectfully,
Andrew Emerson

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May 29, 2005

Dear Mr. Principi,

I am writing this letter in support of keeping the PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD open. The work force is the most knowledgeable and efficient workforce in the navy. They share their expertise routinely with Norfolk, Puget Sound, Electric Boat, and others, helping them to be more efficient, also as a taxpayer, I value expertise and efficiency.

As a citizen of the United States, I am alarmed that we would give up our northeast base, leaving a large geographical area unprotected. The Coast Guard also uses the shipyard for homeland security and all of us would be affected if this fine shipyard were to close.

The workforce of this oldest of shipyards is the best in the world, they are highly skilled, deeply connected to this community and have been for many generations. As China builds more submarines, why should we be scrapping ours? We should maintain our fleet of submarines and the PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD keeps the others competitive by leading the way.

Sincerely,



Dixie Frei
Eliot, Maine

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Dear Mr. Principi,

I am writing this letter in support of the PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD, the most cost effective and safest shipyard on the planet. I have been employed at the PORTSMOUTH NAVY YARD for 17 years as a welder and I must say that the yard has the best welders in the world. It is a very difficult and demanding job but I would not trade it for any other job. The shipyard has produced the finest bunch of structural and pipe welders you will ever find, We take pride in our work and meet each challenge with a "can do attitude". There is nothing we can not do.

The navy will be losing this gem of a shipyard if it does indeed close, it will be impossible to replace. I think we should be beefing up our submarine force instead of shrinking it. The state of Maine needs and wants THE PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD.

Sincerely,

Mark Paternoster

Mark Paternoster
Eliot, Maine

May 26, 2005
41 Brixham Rd.
York, Maine
03909-5333

BRAC Commission



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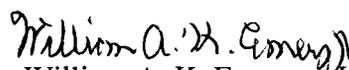
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Sent: Thursday, May 12, 2005 8:27 AM
Subject: FW: Meritorious Unit Commendation Awarded to Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

To my fellow Shipyarders, Congratulations! **This Shipyard team has received the Meritorious Unit Commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations.** This is indeed a high honor and a recognition of your outstanding achievements. You have earned this commendation through hard work, commitment and a sheer determination to bring our performance to the next level. I am so proud to be part of this tremendous Shipyard team. Hats off to the men and women of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, both civilian and military, who together have built this record of performance. Bravo Zulu!

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*For the Secretary,
signed
V.E. CLARK
Admiral, United States Navy
Chief of Naval Operations*

June 2, 2005

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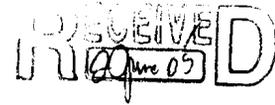
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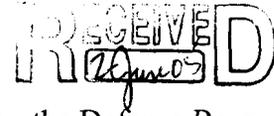
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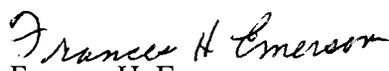
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Dear Chairman Principi:

I am writing you to ask you reconsider closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. My husband is employed there and I as I wife know first hand the impact it will have on my family. This is not the first time we have been involved in a downsizing/closure of a place of employment.

Our first experience is when both my husband and myself were employed by the General Electric Meter Department in Somersworth, New Hampshire. Several years ago a decision was made by that company to downsize and send it's workload to Mexico. My husband's job was eliminated. After twenty years of service and too young to retire (he was 50 years old at the time) he found himself out on the street looking for another job. NAFTA was supposed to help him retrain and find employment elsewhere. That never happened. Also, the town of Somersworth has become a ghost town. Economically it took its toll on that town and many of the residents of the surrounding communities.

After many months my husband got a job at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and his status as a veteran helped him to secure a good paying job. Now here we go again. Will he be there long enough to retire? Probably not! He is now fifty-five years old with a heart condition. The probability of him finding employment in this area is slim to none. Will the United States Government continue to cover him with medical insurance if he is asked leave the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard before he is eligible to retire? Probably not!

From what I can see this closure will cause economic doom to an area of the United States that has already been hit hard. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard continues to produce its workload out early and under budget. Also from I can see there is still terrorism present in this world and I for one do not want to see this country pull it's self up short in the defense department.

Please think long and hard before closing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Sincerely,

Patricia E. Welch
193 Middle Road
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25 May 2005

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This area will also be
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Thank you,
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Dear Commissioners:

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My name is Mark Joncas and I have been an employee of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for over 29 years. All of my years have been working aboard various class submarines as an Engineering Technician directly involved with testing mechanical/electrical systems. I am writing this letter to express my concern that PNS has been put on the recommended closure list

Closing PNS would be a grave disaster, not necessarily realized in the beginning but most certainly in the future as future submarines need repair.

I've been on the deckplates daily for 29+ years I have seen first hand the true dedication of employees who strive to be the best and give the Navy a quality product. I have always heard that most Commanding Officers of our submarine fleet would rather bring their submarine to PNS for an overhaul than any other shipyard because of the quality work they receive here at the shipyard.

The employees of PNS take great pride in their work and closing this shipyard and losing this talent would be a grave mistake. Talent that would never be duplicated by anyone else.

The shipyard has received many kudos from the Navy over the years in coming under cost and schedule with submarine overhauls. Most recently the shipyard received a Meritorious Commendation Medal for this.

Please take a hard look at **not** closing PNS and the benefits received by keeping the shipyard open to support the submarine fleet, now and in the future.

Sincerely,



Mark Joncas

Code 246

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Kittery, Maine

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TO Whom IT MAY CONCERN,

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MY NAME IS WAYNE KERNARD I HAVE WORKED FOR THE GOVERNMENT FOR 30 YEARS. I WORK AT THE PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD THE FINEST SHIPYARD IN THE WORLD BAR NONE. MY GRANDMOTHER AND GRANDFATHER ALSO WORKED HERE. CURRENTLY I HAVE A BROTHER, BROTHER IN LAW, AND TWO NEPHEWS ~~AND~~ CURRENTLY WORKING HERE. I FEEL A GRADE INJUSTICE IS HAPPENING TO THE COUNTRY BY PLACING THE PORTSMOUTH NAVAL SHIPYARD UP FOR CLOSURE. THIS GREAT FACILITY RICH IN HISTORY AND MOST EFFICIENT SHIPYARD IN THE WORLD SHOULD BE THE LAST SHIPYARD TO CLOSE. JUST LOOK AT OUR RECORD IT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF. I HAVE BEEN AROUND A LONG TIME AND HAVE SEEN WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN THE PAST. WE SHOULD NOT PUT ALL OUR EGGS IN ~~THE~~ ONE BASKET REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED IN THE ATTACK OF PEARL HARBOR. WE ARE A GREAT COUNTRY AND WE SHOULD GO WITH THE BEST SHIPYARDS THAT ARE THE MOST EFFICIENT AND SAVE THE TAXPAYERS HARD EARNED MONEY. WE SHOULD GET THE MOST BANG FOR OUR BUCK. WE NEED TO DO THE RIGHT THINGS AND LEAVE POLITICS OUT OF IT

AND LET THE RECORDS SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES,
WE OWE THIS TO THE TAXPAYERS, AND OUR
TROOPS OVERSEAS WHO ARE PUTTING THEIR
LIVES ON THE LINE FOR THIS GREAT
COUNTRY. WE NEED TO SUPPORT THEM
BY HAVING OUR SHIPS REPAIRED AT
THE GREATEST SHIPYARD THIS COUNTRY
HAS EVER HAD THE PORTSMOUTH NAVAL
SHIPYARD. WE DO THE WORK FOR LESS
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GET THESE SUBS OUT TO SUPPORT
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INJUSTICE TO AMERICA AND THE
FREE WORLD TO CLOSE THE MOST
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THANK YOU

Wayne McLearnard
WAYNE HEARNARD
33 WARREN Pond Rd
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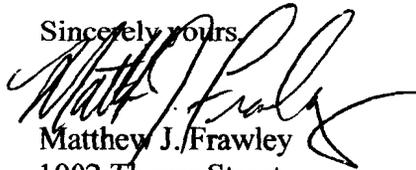
Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
Polk Bldg-Ste. 600-625
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:-

I am writing this letter to you to request that you keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open as a functioning shipyard for the United States of America. It would seem that those of us living in the USA are not being protected as we should be, while several other countries in the world are receiving aid and monies from us. This shipyard has always been an outstanding Naval operation with all work being done at the lowest cost to the taxpayers, the finest workmanship available and constantly bringing the projects in earlier than scheduled. What more do the citizens of this country want? The history of the Shipyard, as well as their record of excellence should be all that is needed to keep this fine operation up and running.

With the constant threat of terrorism within our own country, it would seem that this decision would be of the greatest importance....we do need to be protected on all sides which would include having the finest submarine fleet, as well as the finest air power to prevent any foreign country from attempting to make any inroads within the USA. We need the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.....Please help us maintain this outstanding base of operations on the Eastern Seaboard which has operated so successfully for over 200 years!!! We need to keep this base functioning for our own protection. Please help us.

Sincerely yours,



Matthew J. Frawley
1002 Thayer Street
Abington, MA 02351

To: Brae Commission

I am writing to protest the ~~closing~~ ⁰⁵³¹²⁰⁰⁵ of the Portsmouth Naval Yard.

It doesn't appear to be feasible or practical. Following are reasons for not locating shipyard to Jacksonville, Florida.

1. No facility in Jacksonville.
 - A. At what cost to build one?
2. Cost of moving ships from Jacksonville via the St. John's river to the Atlantic.
 - A. Does river also have to be dredged?
 - B. Distance from shipyard to Atlantic?
3. Weather is definitely a factor.
 - A. That section of Florida known as hurricane alley.
4. It would be economically devastating to New Hampshire + Maine.

The Portsmouth shipyard recently received an award for it's excellent work. If it's so great, according to the Navy Dept, why close it?

As a taxpayer would like some answers to the above questions.

Respectfully Yours,

Patricia L. Marshall

June 2, 2005

Anthony Principi, BRAC Commission Chairman
Polk Building
Suites 600 and 625
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA. 22202

Dear Mr. Principi,

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The performance of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has surpassed all other public and privately owned facilities by continually providing submarines back to the fleet below cost and ahead of schedule.

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Please, do not allow this facility to get caught up in a politically incorrect decision for closure. Review the performance data and recommend the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard remain open to continue to support the defense of our country.

Respectfully,



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Mrs. Jill Goodwin
817 Portland Street
East Rochester, NH03868



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Harold W Gehman, Jr
BRAC Commission
521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington VA 22202

June 9, 2005

Dear Mr. Gehman, Jr:

I am writing to you to support the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. My husband has worked at the Shipyard for 24 years. I am asking you to consider keeping Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard open. I understand the importance of military restructuring but as one who will be greatly affected by a closure I would like to submit my side.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the oldest shipyard in America. It was opened 29 years after the American Revolution. That in itself shows why it needs to be preserved. It is an historical monument. Like the first employees many can trace a relative back to a war who has worked there. My husband's grandfather, World War II, my father in law Korean War. Many of the employees are Vietnam Vets. They are in their 50-60's. They are highly skilled individuals in their trades. They work hard in the extreme weather. The sub zero temperatures of 50 below zero to 100 degree high humidity working outside hours at a time. That is dedication. The Department of the Navy gave Portsmouth Naval Shipyard the highest honor. The Meritorious Unit Commendation less than 24 hours before the BRAC released the list for closure. Can you imagine how that felt? I can. I saw it in my husband's eyes. Where will these individuals work? Who will hire them? They are perfectionist in their trades. Their skills would not even be an asset to Wal Mart.

I am very concerned about the fact the east coast will be unprotected. We need military presence. The Shipyard is a repair and refueling facility but it is doing the job keeping the nation safe. The terrorist who skyjacked the planes that destroyed the World Trade Center and aimed for the Pentagon came in ~~through Portland, Maine.~~ It is very sad that we are not though of enough to have a military presence but come election time they flock to New Hampshire for the first in the nation primary. What else do we have? Lobster? Very little industrial in Maine and New Hampshire.

Health care is another concern. I work in an Emergency Department. I see very tragic results of no insurance. Diabetics who can not afford insulin, testing material or their diet. Heart patients who skip medication or do not take them at all. Yes, quite a few arrive dead. Who will be able afford childhood immunizations. My neighbor owns a business that would go under, Many businesses will go under. Little people who own diners, hair salons, cafes, office supply, etc. Please go on the internet and see what our temperatures are like during the winter. Our house, 2000 square feet and we paid \$1,600. to heat it. last year. What about those who can not afford it? Forget about the government programs. At work I hear they have been declined because funds ran out. Have you seen a 80 year old woman with severe frostbite that ended up in bilateral below the knee amputations? I have.

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Jill Goodwin

June 2, 2005

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Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Johnson". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

Mrs. Jill Goodwin
817 Portland Street
East Rochester, NH03868



James H. Bilbray
BRAC Commission
521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington VA 22202

June 9, 2005

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Jill Goodwin

**BRAC Commission
Received**

6/17/2005

32 Hampton Rd.
Exeter, NH 03833

June 13, 2005

2005 Defense Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 3600
Arlington, Virginia 22202

Gentlemen:

The proposed closure of the Portsmouth Navy Shipyard makes me wonder if the plans were drawn up using the 'desktop map' concept; desktops don't figure in the curvature of the earth.

For the same reason that large planes refuel at Gander or Pease because they are closer to Europe/Mediterranean in air miles and fuel plus time than the seemingly direct routes straight across the Atlantic, wouldn't it make a submarine base located at Portsmouth for refueling and repair just as logical because of the same curvature? Not always is the straight line the shortest distance—that is true only on a flat surface

In like manner a Naval base in the State of Washington would shorten distance and time between the west coast and the Far East. The concept of The Great Circle Route may have been lost in the noise of Politics, but to a ship in need of service out of the Med., the concept is vitally important.

Very truly yours,



Joy Smith Starr (Mrs. Nicholas Starr)

Cc: Seacoast Shipyard Association
Senator John McCann, Arizona
Senator John Warner, Virginia
Senator Judd Gregg, New Hampshire
Senator Olympia Snow, Maine

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6/17/2005

The Honorable

BRAC Commissioners

521 South Clark St. Suite 600

Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to keep Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open. This Shipyard is extremely important to our region for all the support and security services it provides. It is the Navy's lead shipyard for submarine maintenance and repair. We continually save our country money, return Ships ahead of schedule, have won safety awards and perform services that no other facility performs.

I have worked over 25 years at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I have always taken pride in doing my best to support my customers. I see this evidenced in large numbers of people who work at the Shipyard. The result of this should be evident to our country and to the Navy in the records we have set over the last several years. The work of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard would not stand out for such a long time if this level of pride, hard work, and integrity was found everywhere.

I know I love New England and will not relocate. Numerous co-workers say they will not move. Shifting numbers to other locations will not work because you will not get the workers who are setting these records. This expertise will be quickly lost and slowly, if ever, replaced. Moreover, a facility with water access will never be re-coverable once lost. I think what Portsmouth has done and continues to do for the Navy is far greater proof of its value than hypothetical statistics. In a world environment filled with war and violence, I believe our country can ill-afford to lose the assets Portsmouth has and the service it delivers daily.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has a history of leading the Navy in submarine expertise and is irreplaceable. Our nation's defense rests on leadership, knowledge and commitment. As long as it remains open, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will continue to deliver these key elements and provide the best support for a secure America.

Sincerely,

Susan L. Dixon

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Paul and Debra Companion
87 Old Johnson Road
East Hampstead, NH 03826

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May 31, 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

Quote: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has superbly performed their mission while establishing a phenomenal record of cost, schedule, quality and safety performance. Their business results are the benchmark among public and private sector shipyards. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard's extraordinary performance is translating in to increased U.S. Submarine Fleet readiness. By their unrelenting determination, perseverance and steadfast devotion to duty, the officers, enlisted personnel and civilian employees of Naval Shipyard Portsmouth reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service (05/12/05)

Does anyone remember this? Our nation only has four public shipyards. With threats and the needs of the military changing rapidly, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) is a core asset of our national defense. For 205 years the men and women of the PNS have been at the forefront of delivering the best for the government. The years of knowledge and training, and two centuries of tradition, is also a national defense asset. One we cannot afford to lose. We cannot let that tradition, and record of proven (and often rewarded) results go down without a fight. Some bases are antiquated and not needed but not so the Navy's oldest base, PNS. It is important to the defense and economy of our country. Closing an effective and exceptional facility like PNS is a grave mistake. America cannot defend itself properly without the work of the men and women of PNS. PNS plays a vital role in our nation's defense. Other shipyards cannot perform the work as well as PNS, as cited by the Chief of Naval Operations.

These are troubled times we live in with all the wars going all over the world. Have the leaders in Washington forgotten about our vulnerability to attack? We cannot afford to decrease one of our greatest defense systems. China is building an armada of submarines – should we not be concerned? Japan did the same thing prior to the attack on Pearl Harbor. Can we chance history repeating itself? I think not. Creating joblessness and hardships for many towns and cities in America is just another example of the shortsighted decisions being made by politicians only interested in their next election. This is not the way to get my vote or thousands of others. Considering the size of our defense budget and our national debt (trillions of dollars) is saving 48 billion dollars over the course of 20 years, in this way, really the right decision? This decision may seem unimportant to Mr. Rumsfeld and his committee but to those effected (4500 directly, 4600 indirectly, plus their families) it is their future. This will be a devastating blow to both Maine and New Hampshire residents.

In closing, please help me to understand this decision. The day before the closures were announced the shipyard and its employees were recognized with the prestigious Meritorious Unit Commendation. How can any business, government or otherwise, with a long history of strong performance, be presented with a commendation for excellence one day and slated for closure the next?

Sincerely,

Paul and Debra Companion

6/15/05



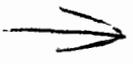
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Mr. Anthony Principi

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Please be aware that taking our F-15's & KC-135's from Portland will only further the "Dumbing Down of America". We need to have the protection provided in Portland to stay here. You know the money is being diverted to IRAC. I do to. An F-16 pilot told me so. He is based in New Mexico.

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only flies once a week, instead
of 4-5 times. He agrees he feels
rusty, climbing into his plane.

Dangerous! He also says he is only
armed when protecting ~~of~~ Air Force.

Stupid! - Please help protect
the taxpayers so we can keep
paying taxes. Thanks -

Norm Miller
Concerned Taxpayer

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June 8, 2005

Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
Polk Building Suite 600& 625
2521 South Clark St.
Arlington, Va. 22202

I am writing to you to ask your commission to keep the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open. This yard has been a mainstay of our area for over 200 years and has been exemplary in it's work for the defense of our country.

In the last year alone it has been ahead in time and cost saving for the defense department. It makes no sense to close the most efficient yard in the country in this time of trying to save tax dollars. Also the cost of closing and cleaning up the waste that has accumulated in the past 200 years would far outweigh any "cost saving" proposed. This area would not be usable for many, many years. In the past the government has not kept its promise to clean up military areas in the time proposed.

The time it has taken to train the personnel to be able to do this cost effective work is not going to be replicated in other yards or they would have done so by now. The majority of these fine workers will not be moving to other yards because their family and way of life are deeply rooted in this area and these ideals mean more to them than money

Therefore this area will be left with many fine workers unable to find a job for their skills causing a depressed area for many, many years. If the island is ever cleaned up for use it will undoubtedly be bought up by people with the means to afford a place for recreation that will not include the people of Maine who have made this area as desirable as it is.

If the defense dept. ever releases its information as to how it came up with its decision to close the yard I'm sure these factors will be evident.

Please consider all these facts and I'm sure you will decide that the only decision is to keep open the most cost effective yard we have.

Sincerely,


Annette Michaud

Annette & Richard Michaud
204 Ridley Road
Springvale, ME 04083

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7 June 2005

Honorable Members:

Please consider the following in your evaluation of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and bear in mind that it is not my intent to be instruct any of you in warfare, as I know my place:

1. If we are the best at repairing the most complex war machine, the submarine, we could perform stellarly with regard to maintenance on any other Naval Vessel.
2. The location concern is nullified by our completing repair work ahead of schedule. We put submarines on station well in advance of scheduled delivery dates.
3. The importance of location is also minimized because of the under ice capability of submarines. I suggest a comparison of the response times for a sub leaving Portsmouth and Pearl to the Bering Strait would show a minimal difference.
4. Strategically, it is advantageous to place a nuclear capable vessel under the ice as rapidly as possible to avoid submarine and advance detection capabilities of adversaries. Under ice capability allows an unencumbered tactical response. Portsmouth's location best facilitates this.
5. Given the current problems with storing long-term radioactive waste, closing a nuclear facility with the capability to store radioactive waste could result in major unanticipated storage cost for the Department of Defense, and possibly restrict or stop repair work on some nuclear vessels.
6. From a security perspective, the facility is on an island, so it is more easily defended against a security threat.
7. It does not make business sense to close the facility that is most efficient. I suggest trying to apply this course action to any other industry.
8. The Shipyard has tremendous opportunity to facilitate private sector business on the island. The Shipyard has attempted to exploit this opportunity on several occasions but has been stymied by unnecessary off-yard imposed requirements. I bring this to your attention because we can become even cheaper to operate.
9. Having a base at a major seaport allows for the continual protection of waterborne commerce, which as you all know is key to sustaining a nation in time of conflict.
10. The most likely future adversary with significant military capability will be in the Far East. An engagement in this region with one or multiple adversaries will presumably involve considerable surface-to-surface and surface to air firepower. The immense firepower involved will undoubtedly inflict considerable damage to the surface fleet. I suspect this will not be the case with submarines, as the advanced technology of waterborne weapons is lacking in this geographical location. Therefore submarines will exhibit greater war fighting stamina. We are a major contributor in sustaining this war making capability.
11. Our workforce is currently extremely mobile. It is not unusually for us to have workers from Portsmouth at 4 or 5 different locations while exceeding the Navy's demands for on time and under budget work here at Portsmouth.

12. Many of you are retired Officers of impressive rank with extensive command experience. Who would you rather have working for you someone who comes to attention and says, "Yes Sir, whatever you want" or someone who says, "I need to run this through my business office first?"
13. Honorable Members, you have all achieved high positions in this life because you were not afraid to make the right decision. I ask you to do that now. As a member of the commission your role is similar to that of a jurist. You've been told the law, given the list and asked to pass judgment in terms of your commission's charter but is that the extent of your responsibility? Your situation is comparable to that of a jurist considering jury nullification, except in your case your decision-making powers are broader and so is your responsibility. The reality is if you vote to close Portsmouth Naval Shipyard what you will have done is to say that every other Federal Budget line item is of more value than my Shipyard. As military members in your gut you know what the right answer is to that question. Do what you think is right for the Nation and the Department of Defense.

Sincerely Yours,



Tommy F. Thompson

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March 2005

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense
The Honorable Gordon R. England, Secretary of the Navy

Dear Sirs,

The best Shipyard should be the last to close.

I strongly believe the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) should not be included on your list of recommended base closures for the 2005 Base Realignment and Closing round. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is of vital importance to our Navy and our Nation.

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the leader in transforming the way naval shipyards do business. PNS has completed six successive major submarine availabilities ahead of schedule and under cost, making it the most efficient and reliable of all the naval shipyards, public and private, in the United States. **This shipyard has turned tens of millions of dollars back to the Navy.**

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Additional Comments: I am just one of many who supports this shipyard. I strongly feel this shipyard should remain open not only for our area, but as an important asset to the United States Government.

Sincerely,

J. Zubante
Name



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BRAC Commission
521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

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RE: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

Dear Members of the BRAC Commission:

We write to you as family members, friends, business owners and most importantly the employees of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has been placed on the closure list. We are asking you to reconsider this decision to close our Navy Yard.

The facts and statistics show that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has saved the Navy time and money by returning ships to the fleet ahead of time and under budget. For years the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has repeatedly completed refueling and overhauls efficiently, economically and safely. Such facts are as follows:

- The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard charges \$20 Million less for each Depot Modernization Period than the Corporate Average.
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The results of such efficiency by the hard working employees of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard cannot be ignored.

We appreciate your time in reevaluating the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

Thank You,

*Lisa Brunelle
Sanford, Maine*

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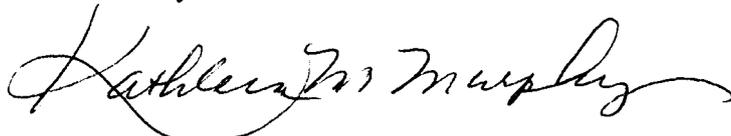
To Whom It May Concern:

As an owner of a small business located in Willow Grove, PA I urge you to convey my interest in maintaining the military installation NAS JRB Willow Grove, located in Horsham, PA. This installation is the model of joint use base facilities whose strengths include:

- Working Joint operations including all services except Coast Guard
- Critical/strategic location near all Northeast Corridor major metropolitan and port areas
- Vital part of Homeland Defense & Security for the East Coast
- Huge economic impact to our local region
- Modern, 8,000 ft. Runway and modern Digital Radar Air Control System - one of only four in the U.S. and available for Emergency Preparedness and Operations
- Strong community support

I appreciate your representation and thank you for conveying this strong message.

Sincerely,



Kathleen M. Murphy, President
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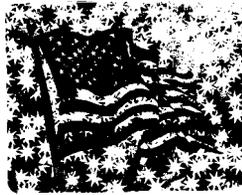
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24 Jun 05
Wayne W. DesJardins
13 Birchwood Ave.
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Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman, Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600
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Dear Mr. Principi:

I am writing to you to express my concerns with the integrity of the Base Closure and Realignment Process (BRAC). The confidence of the American public in the process, and that of the decisions on individual military installations, relies on the accuracy of the data used by the various services as well as the validity of the calculations and comparisons made using this data. I am concerned about the validity of the data used in the evaluation of Naval Air Station Brunswick, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the Defense Finance and Accounting Service center at Limestone, Maine.

Naval Air Station Brunswick (NASB) is the only active duty Department of Defense airfield remaining in the Northeast United States. Its strategic location adjacent to shipping routes and aircraft coming from Europe, the Mediterranean, and the Middle East, makes it a vital link in our homeland defense, surveillance, and security strategy.

It is clear that in calculating the savings of closing NASB, the Department of the Navy was intellectually dishonest in not acknowledging that the savings in maintenance positions by moving the P-3 Wing to Jacksonville will also be realized by replacement of the P-3 with the MMA and its maintenance contract. Also not stated was the infrastructure cost needed at Jacksonville to house both airframes and families.

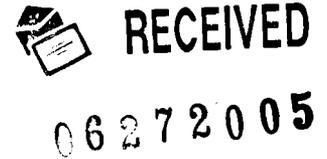
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"Portsmouth Naval Shipyard (PNS) consistently and superbly performs its mission while establishing a phenomenal record of cost, schedule, quality and safety performance." That assessment was offered on May 12, 2005 by Admiral V. E. Clark, Chief of Naval Operations.

While the Navy analysis concludes that excess capacity exists for nuclear ship maintenance, PNS is the most efficient shipyard in terms of cost and schedule and is, therefore, not the capacity that needs to be cut. Consider the following points:

- a. PNS is saving \$75 million per Engineered Refueling Overhaul (ERO) and \$20 million per Depot Modernization Period (DMP) for the American taxpayer.

June 12, 2005



BRAC Commission
Polk Building, Suite 600
2521 South Clark Street
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Dear Sirs,

I am writing to express my outrage in placing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the Defense Base Closure list. I understand the bulk of our nuclear powered fast attack submarine force is comprised of Los Angeles Class Submarines. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has distinguished itself as the leader in establishing cost and schedule performance records for Los Angeles Class Submarine overhauls and refuelings.

The performance of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has surpassed all other public and privately owned facilities by continually providing submarines back to the fleet below cost and ahead of schedule.

I recently read a Meritorious Unit Commendation from Admiral Vern Clark, Chief of Naval Operations. The citation was dated May 12 2005 to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and read as follows:

“For meritorious service from 11 September 2001 to 30 August 2004. The personnel of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and tenant activities consistently and superbly performed their mission while establishing a phenomenal record of cost, schedule, quality and safety performance. The Shipyard embraced the One Shipyard Initiative and is leading the transformation of our Navy’s nuclear ship maintenance base through innovation and the application of Lean industrial practices. Portsmouth Naval Shipyard personnel established new performance levels for submarine maintenance, modernization, and overhaul work by producing business results that are the benchmark among public and private sector nuclear shipyards. The Shipyard completed six major submarine availabilities early, exceeded Net Operating Result financial goals, reduced injuries by more than 50 percent and exceeded the Secretary of Defense’s Fiscal Year 2006 Stretch Goal for lost workday compensation rates two years early. Naval Shipyard Portsmouth’s extraordinary performance is translating into increased U.S. Submarine Fleet readiness. By their unrelenting determination, perseverance, and steadfast devotion to duty, the officers, enlisted personnel, and civilian employees of Naval Shipyard Portsmouth reflected credit upon themselves and upheld the highest traditions of the United States Naval Service”

The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is saving us “the taxpayers” money and provides a superior product back to the submarine fleet ahead of schedule. Why would anyone even consider closing a facility with this type of record!

As Admiral Vern Clark stated Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the “benchmark among public and private sector nuclear shipyards”. The Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is a facility that has demonstrated time and time again that it can perform its assigned duties while setting cost and schedule performance records in the defense of this country.

Please, do not allow this facility to get caught up in a politically incorrect decision for closure. Review the performance data and recommend the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard remain open to continue to support the defense of our country.

Respectfully,

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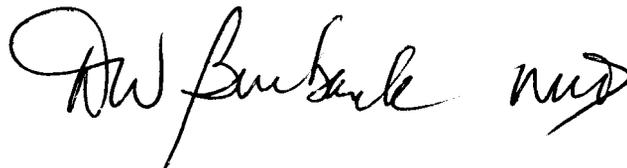
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June 6, 2005

General Lloyd W. Newton
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Dear Commissioner Newton,

Thank you for coming to Maine and visiting the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. It was my great pleasure to meet you. I delivered the Navy's official command presentation during your site visit. I am writing this letter as a citizen of Kittery and a member of the Naval Civilian Managers Association. I chose to write to you because of your connection to Pratt and Whitney. We have a wonderful Pratt and Whitney here in Maine; they mentored the Shipyard through our VPP process to become a Safety Star Site.

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The Shipyard people provided you with a dissenting version of capacity, the value of efficient performance, and the real cost of closing the Shipyard. I expect the DoD will try to justify again, using their model, that the Shipyard represents excess capacity and report that there's simply no choice but to get rid of it. I ask you to embrace the idea that important assets cannot be judged that simply. There's too much at stake.

Please save our Shipyard to support a strong Navy and protect our Nation in the future.

Very Truly Yours,



Nancy Peschel

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From: Ryan Barton

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Date: July 3, 2005

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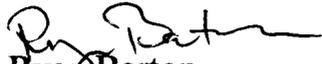
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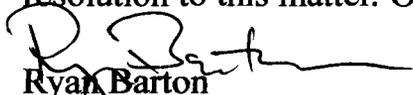
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- Sinking and raising of the Squalis
- A WWI visit of the No. Atlantic Fleet to Portsmouth in heavy fog (ship's chronometer was off. As navigator, father's Hamilton pocket watch located Great Boar's Head in a break in the weather.

After WWII visiting the Yard

- Seeing the 6-sub German U-boat pack moored at the dock, and visiting one with a GE search light and a Pelorus issued by U.S. Department Bureau of Ships on the conning tower.
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The U. S. Needs the P. K. N. S.**

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being involved in the processes, and the knowledge which has been
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be ONLY ONE ANSWER - We need this Shipyard to stay OPEN
FOR OUR COUNTRY.**

**Mrs. Arthur Peverly
85 Eliot Road,
Kittery, Maine 03904**

June 4, 2005

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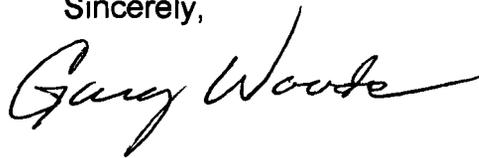
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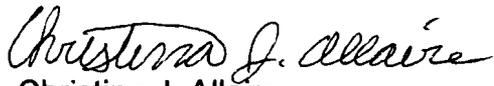
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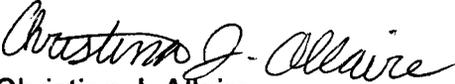
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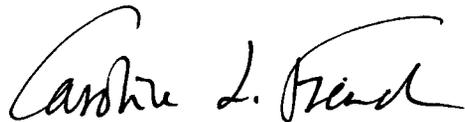
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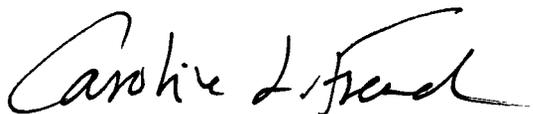
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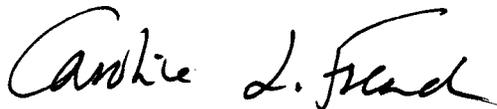
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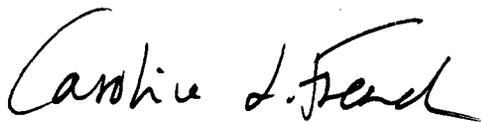
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I have been following the BRAC process closely since the proposed closure/re-alignment list was published and I am growing increasingly concerned that DOD has not properly followed the law in developing recommendations. The DOD is required to take into account the return on investment resulting from its closure/re-alignment recommendations. In reviewing the cost data that is available on the E-library at the BRAC Commission website (www.brac.gov) I have come to the conclusion that moving Chemical and Biological workload from NSWC Crane to Edgewood in Maryland does not result in any costs savings savings by 2011. In addition, the only reason a cost savings can be shown at all is due to an arbitrary 50% reduction in administrative type job functions. It appears that, of the four sites being re-aligned to Edgewood (NSWC Crane, NSWC Dahlgren, Falls Church and Fort Belvoir), only the Falls Church and Fort Belvoir generate any return on investment. The NSWC Crane and NSWC Dahlgren re-alignments cost more than they save. In fact it appears that, when added together, the four re-alignments to Edgewood result in a net loss rather than net savings. In other words the only way this scenario will save money is if the NSWC Crane and NSWC Dahlgren portions of the re-alignments are eliminated!

I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the Return On Investment requirements of BRAC law.

Very Respectfully,

Lana Craig

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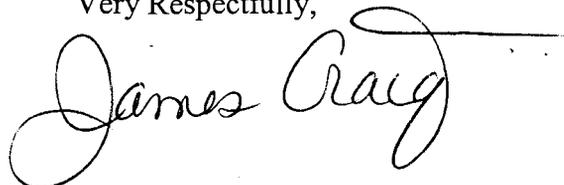
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The Closing of the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard would have a devastating effect on both the Department of Defense as well as the surrounding communities.

1.) D.O.D. would suffer the loss of the best Shipyard in the Country. P.N.S.Y. is the leader in performance, cost, schedule, quality and safety. Closing the Shipyard would result in the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars associated with superior performance.

The fact that P.N.S.Y. is a licensed Naval Nuclear Facility is also of concern. Once a Naval Nuclear Facility is closed, it is virtually impossible to reverse, not to mention the loss of dry dock space and the cost of replacing them.

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Anthony Principi
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As presented to the BRAC July 8, 2005 in Boston, Massachusetts it is proven that the Department of Defense would **SAVE \$913 million by keeping Portsmouth Shipyard OPEN**. It was also proven there is more than enough work to justify keeping Portsmouth open. That with the scheduled maintenance of the fleet of subs that Norfolk, Pearl Harbor and Puget Sound could **NOT** handle the additional work load without scheduling conflicts.

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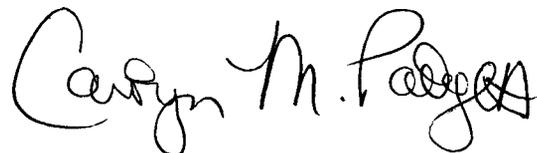
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Lloyd Newton
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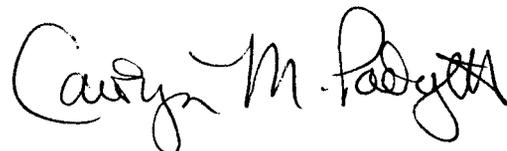
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Sincerely,



Stanley M. Lapham
68 East Main St.
East Hampstead, NH 03826

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BRAC Commission

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4/12/05
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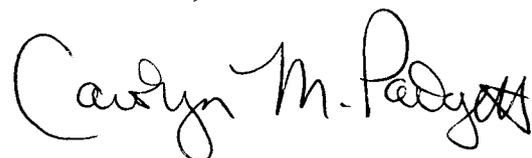
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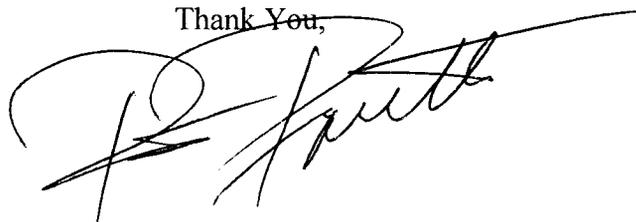
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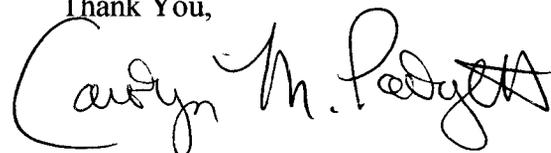
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Lorraine + Bill Schwanemann
14 Fieldcrest Lane
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Most Sincerely,



Lisa Kenison Monroe
28 Pierce Ave.
Sanford, ME 04073

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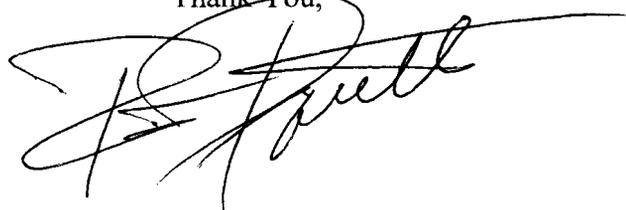
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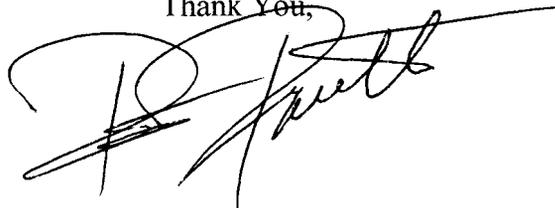
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Thank You,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Philip Coyle", written over a horizontal line.

Mrs. Jill Goodwin
817 Portland Street
East Rochester, NH03868

BRAC Commission

JUL 26 2005

Received

James H. Bilbray
BRAC Commission
521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington VA 22202

July 21, 2005

Dear Mr. Bilbray:

I am writing to you in support of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. My husband has worked at the Shipyard for 25 years. I am asking you to keep Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard open.

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the oldest shipyard in America. It was opened 29 years after the American Revolution. That in itself shows why it needs to be preserved. It is an historical monument. Like the first employees many can trace a relative back to a war who has worked there. My husband's grandfather, World War II, my father in law Korean War. Many of the employees are Vietnam Vets. They are in their 50-60's. They are highly skilled individuals in their trades. They work hard in the extreme weather. The sub zero temperatures of 50 below zero to 100 degree high humidity working outside hours at a time. That is dedication. The Department of the Navy gave Portsmouth Naval Shipyard the highest honor. The Meritorious Unit Commendation. This honor was given because of the high quality of their work, the fact that they turn millions of dollars back to the Department of Defense by cutting hundreds of thousands of man hours from projects. Pearl, Norfolk and Puget Sound have not had this honor for a good reason.

As presented to the BRAC July 8, 2005 in Boston, Massachusetts it is proven that the Department of Defense would **SAVE \$913 million by keeping Portsmouth Shipyard OPEN**. It was also proven there is more than enough work to justify keeping Portsmouth open. That with the scheduled maintenance of the fleet of subs that Norfolk, Pearl Harbor and Puget Sound could **NOT** handle the additional work load without scheduling conflicts.

What greatly disturbs me is if Portsmouth were to close that the Department of Defense would create a government induced recession. They want to save money by closing bases at the cost of New England. We can send the same amount of money to help Iraq but not to keep our defense up? To keep New England's economy positive. We are on shaky ground with a multitude of industry going overseas or to the cheaper southern states. We simply can not afford another business leaving.

Please keep in mind that if Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is closed it is final. Not only will you be losing the shipyard that is the best in the nation, but the men and women whose knowledge and skills make it such. You will also be instrumental in destroying Maine and New Hampshire's economy, people who are Americans will go without heat during our brutal winters, the \$283 million dollar per year deficit in Maine will impact children's services and education. How much of an increase in welfare, food stamps and medical services cost?

Jill Goodwin

July 20, 2005

BRAC Commission

The Honorable Samuel K. Skinner
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

JUL 26 2005

Received

Dear Commissioner Skinner,

The Closing of the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard would have a devastating effect on both the Department of Defense as well as the surrounding communities.

1.) D.O.D. would suffer the loss of the best Shipyard in the Country. P.N.S.Y. is the leader in performance, cost, schedule, quality and safety. Closing the Shipyard would result in the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars associated with superior performance.

The fact that P.N.S.Y. is a licensed Naval Nuclear Facility is also of concern. Once a Naval Nuclear Facility is closed, it is virtually impossible to reverse, not to mention the loss of dry dock space and the cost of replacing them.

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Thank You,

Brittany Padgett

July 22, 2005

BRAC Commission

JUL 26 2005

Dear Commissioner Principi;

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I am writing in behalf of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

I disagree with the Pentagon's recommendation to close the shipyard. My husband works at the yard and is very proud of all the accomplishment the yard has made over the years. You see, my husband is also retired military, a Master Chief and has several boats go through the shipyard and knows exactly what kind of work they have done. He had to take those boats out to sea. He risked his life on those submarines, but felt safe because of the work that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard does on overhauls. I thank God that the shipyard has done excellent work because my children were very young and it would of been devastating for them to be without a father.

The shipyard has saved the government millions and millions of dollars for the federal government getting the boats out on time and in top shape. He felt very secure on these boats leaving the shipyard unlike the other bases I won't mention. I am sure that other military wives and families feel the same way.

Please consider removing Portsmouth off the list for the benefit of this submarine community and the United States of America.

Sincerely,



Susan A. Caron
2 Meghan Way
Biddeford, Maine 04005

Kittery Pt. Me.
July 21, 2005

BRAC Commission

Dear Mr. Principe,

JUL 26 2005

Thank you for visiting ^{Received} Kittery.

I urge you not to underestimate the value of the good Yankee stock that helped to create and sustain this country for over 200 years!

It seems both unrealistic and unfair to take away all government / military facilities from the Northeast Region. We are part of the "backbone" of this country.

The Portsmouth Navy Yard has been a constant presence in the town of Kittery for many years and has provided good reliable jobs to several generations. We are very proud of the work we do here.

Members of my family work at the yard. If it closes where will new jobs be found? And what happens in the meantime to mortgage payments and college tuition?

7/22/05

To All Brac Commission Members,
BRAC Commission

My name ~~is~~ ^{JUL 29 2005} ~~is~~ ^{Received} Gen Cook and
I am a ~~Received~~ School teacher.

I became a teacher in N.H, because
it is where I found the children
strived to learn and needed teachers
who truly loved to teach.

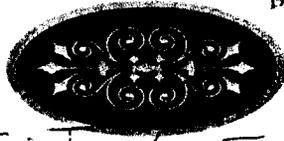
My husband Frank Cook served
20 years in the Navy, retiring in
July 2001 and started working for
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in July, 2001
as well.

I am sending you this letter, because
I wanted you to know that closing
Portsmouth Naval Shipyard not only
effects my family, but many others
that I teach with, whose husbands
work there.

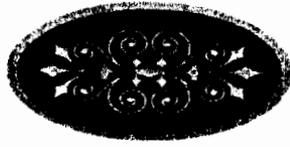
I attended the meeting that
took place on July 6, 2005. →

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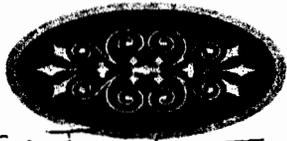


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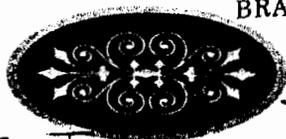
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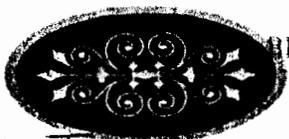
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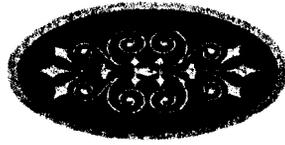
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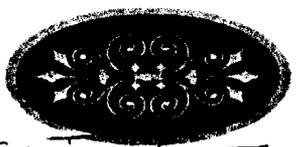
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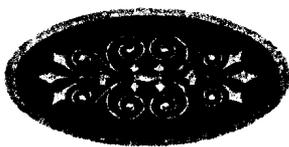
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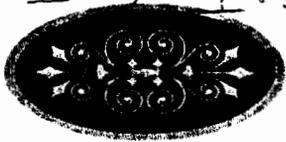
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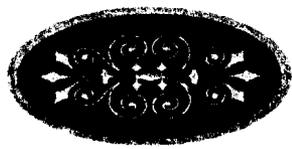
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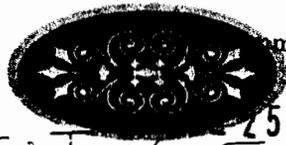


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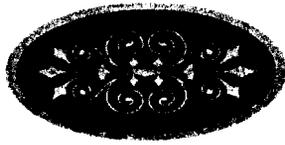


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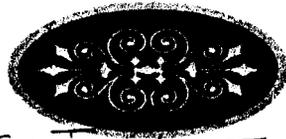


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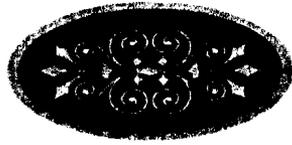
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★ Dear Mr Principi, JUL 26 2005

★ I write this letter
★ in support of the
★ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
★ in Kittery, Maine,

★ seventeen members of
★ my family down to my
★ son have worked there
★ with pride.

★ The closing would
★ be so absolutely wrong
★ for our area.

★ Our workers are
★ always on the forefront.

Please reconsider.

★ sincerely

★ Diane Simonds
★ 150 Whipple Rd
★ Kittery, Me 03904

Dear Sirs,

7-26-05

Though I have no relatives working at the Willow Grove Base I know how important the base is to our area. Both economically and from an identity historical perspective. We all in our community are very proud of the base. Please don't take it away from us.

My Father was a decorated World War II veteran who fought under Mac Arthur. out of respect to him I'm asking you to save our base as well as imploring for my whole community!

Thankyou for your time and attention.

Yours truly,

- Mary Robinson Nexo

BRAC Commission

JUL 25 2005

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22 July 2005

Dear Commissioner Hayes

Please do not close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard!

There is no excess of public shipyards. It is not economically sound to close the yard. Portsmouth's excellent record speaks for itself!

BRAC Commission

JUL 25 2005

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Sincerely

Catherine L Pope

Catherine L. Pope
9 Clark Rd.
Eliot, ME 03903-1707

May 25, 2005

Dear Commissioner Principi,

We would like the Commission to reconsider its decision on the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

The economic impact on Maine, N.H. and Mass. will be great. Maine not only has workers there but the fact that New Hampshire residents pay to Maine because N.H. has no income tax is a great amount each year. The cities of Portsmouth, Dover, Rochester and surrounding towns will also suffer.

The shipyard has also been known for their workmanship, getting jobs done ahead of schedule and below cost.

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Many workers from Portsmouth
are sent to other yards every
year to help them out.

So we pray you'll
reconsider the Portsmouth Naval
Shipyard.

Thank You
The Jacobs family
518 Potlond St
Rochester, M.H.

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Dear Sirs,

I am writing in regards to the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard.

I just got the inkling that something was wrong when I saw the BRAC Commission. That one New Englander was on it.

All of you were appointed by our illustrious President. Politics had a lot to do with the appointments. But enough of that. As you can see by my statements, I have no use for our President.

The War in Iraq for one thing. All our men and women that have been killed.

Now you people want to close all the bases on the East Coast.

It just sends a message —
Fervents here we are — Come and get us.

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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard has
one of the finest workmanship
records of any yard. We are always
under cost and done ahead of time.
How can you justify closing it??

I don't know what your reasoning
is but it is wrong.

The financial impact alone is
one thing. Relocation of families to
find work is another.

I hope you take all these into
consideration and also that
you are leaving no wide open
for attack.

Please re. think your plans.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

A concerned American from Maine

Alvin De Roy

P.O. Box 184

Berwick,

Maine 03901

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Clyde Hill, Wa. 98004
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Base Realignment and Closure Commission
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I was a junior officer in the fall of 1951 on the submarine USS Sea Robin operating of the coast of New England when she incurred a serious flooding casualty. After gaining control of the casualty we headed the ship for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, Maine.

While there the shipyard performed the analysis, did the redesign, and accomplished the repairs in an extremely professional and expeditious manner.

Speaking strategically, I believe that there should be a government facility, qualified in the repair of submarines, someplace north of Norfolk, Va. I think it is quite ironic that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is on the BRAC list when the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard is having all this trouble with thievery.

Yours truly,

Carlton A.K. McDonald
Carlton A.K. McDonald
Captain U.S. Navy Retired

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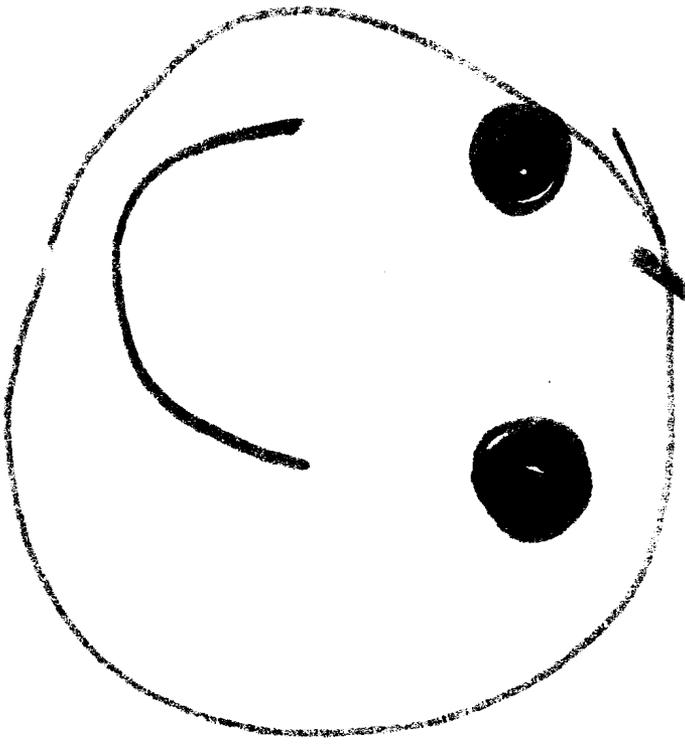


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July 22, 2005

Nelson Lawson, Jr
356 Main Street
Eliot, ME 03903

Anthony J. Principi
Commission Chairman
BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

BRAC Commission

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Dear Sir:

On behalf of the workers of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and the citizens of the Kittery/Portsmouth area, I urge you to vote to keep the Portsmouth Navy Yard open. Time and time again, Portsmouth has provided the Navy with quality and economical overhauls and repairs for U.S. submarines. The skills and commitments of the workers are irreplaceable. The Kittery/Portsmouth community has for decades become synonymous with U.S. Navy submarine excellence. Please vote to keep Portsmouth Naval Shipyard open.

Sincerely,
Nelson Lawson

SAVE OUR SHIPYARD

BRAC Commission

JUL 26 2005

23 July Received

Dear Commissioner Principi:

Please, please do not make the irreparable decision to close the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at Kittery, Maine -

The world situation plus China, etc enlarging their submarine fleets would make this closure devastating to our country's defense (besides all the England being stripped of airplanes, munings, parts, etc) "unthinkable"!!!!

The submarine is the one ship that cannot be detected or stopped from sending defensive missiles toward enemy action - it is our one undetectable vessel.

The nuclear license, knowledge, and expertise of all the employees could not be restarted - it is not like an office building -

Please, please take PMSX, Kittery, Maine off the closure list!!! Please rethink your decisions. We need all four yards!!!

This doesn't include all the demilitation to both Maine and NH. We already lost Pease Air Force Base and haven't recovered from that yet.

My father and I both retired from the Shipyard and are very proud of our service there.

Natalie W. McCarty
3 Paul Street
Kittery, ME 03904

207-439-0105

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Portsmouth, New Hampshire, a city by the sea.

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Yes, Shut down

Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
and let it go to our
community to use and
convert it into a
University / marine biology
oceanography area for
all the community and
state, especially for Maine and
New Hampshire!!

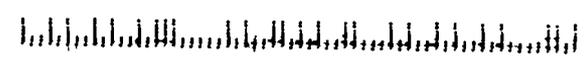
for the Johnson
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and others from
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To: Mr. Anthony J. Principi
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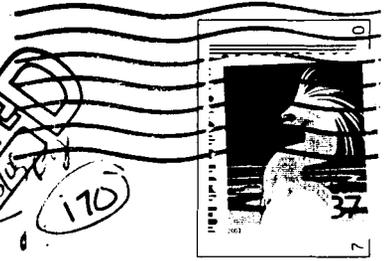
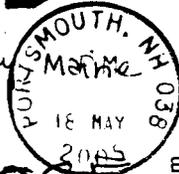


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Portsmouth, New Hampshire

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Portsmouth Naval Shipyard
SHUT IT DOWN so
we local Americans can
use the polluted site
to clean it up for our
health - and convert it
into an educational college or
for tourism business.

Anthony J. Principi
and all
BRAC commission
POLK BLDG STE. 600
+
2521 South Clark
Arlington, VA 22202
Please give us freedom!

From: The
Johnson Family
+ friend of Kitter, Maine



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I feel your Commission
should realize you need
Port Naval Shipyard as
well as Pearl Harbor

Nellie McKay



NELLIE MC KAY
28 Bridge St
Kittery, ME 03904-1558

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I hope that the Portsmouth NAVAL
Shipyard should stay open. It being
voted no 1 & they do good work. ^{the} OFFICIALS
Told Commissioners there's enough work to
support ^{BRAC Commission} Portsmouth NAVAL shipyard
open.

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Dorothy Bagette
Thank You

I believe that New England and the Northeast are already militarily under-protected.

Since 2001, I've wondered if the decision to hijack planes from Logan International Airport for the 9-11 attack on NYC was connected to a perceived idea that there wouldn't be USAF fighter jets in the Greater Boston area that could intercept and/or shoot them down before they accomplished their mission.

As you make your decision, also bear in mind that:

1. Closure of any facility costs millions of dollars.
2. Closure of a facility is an irreversible action.

Very truly yours,



Maureen R. Keough
A Very Concerned Citizen

**Maurene R. Keough
43 Mast Road Extension - Unit #1
Ford's Landing Condominiums
Dover, NH 03820**

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JUL 26 2005

Received

July 21, 2005

BRAC Commission
2521 South Clark Street - Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Attn: Commissioner James H. Bilbray

Dear BRAC Commissioner Bilbray:

RE: Recommended Closure of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

This letter is in support of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard in Kittery, ME.

I do not work there nor do I have a friend or relative employed there.

I'm supporting the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard because it makes good sense.

You've heard the skewed numbers and figures from the US Navy and GAO. You've heard the corrected numbers from representatives from NH and ME and the shipyard.

I want to emphasize that the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard:

1. Completes work on time and even ahead of schedule.
2. Completes work under budget.
3. Produces work of the highest quality.
4. Has an outstanding safety record.
5. Is a strategically located East Coast facility.

There had already been much discussion about Pearl Harbor versus Portsmouth.
My thinking is:

~~It does not have to be either one or the other. Both should remain open.~~

I see the two as separate facilities filling different niches of the ship repair market.

I see Pearl Harbor as the repair facility for the Pacific fleet dealing with North Korea.

I see Portsmouth as the preeminent East Coast repair facility for the naval fleet guarding the North Atlantic and with quicker access to and from the Middle East and Europe.

There is great controversy regarding overcapacity now and for the future. With threats from North Korea and the Middle East, I really question whether or not the United States should even be entertaining thoughts of downsizing military facilities by number or size.

Too many military facilities in New England have been closed—Otis, Pease, Loring, etc.



25 Ayers Cove Drive
PO Box 125
Barrington, NH 03825

The Honorable James H. Bilbray
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

BRAC Commission

JUL 25 2005

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Dear Commissioner Bilbray:

It is a function of the Congress of the United States to determine the size of our Navy's submarine fleet. Political appointees in the Department of Defense must not be allowed to circumvent this Congressional function via the BRAC process, by forcing reductions in the submarine force through unwise cuts in dry-dock capacity. Recent history has consistently shown that the submarine force has remained at 50-55 boats based on operational and national security needs of this country. Therefore, the Navy cannot afford to lose Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, or any other public shipyard. There is no excess capacity with regard to dry-dock space.

Additionally, it is a stated goal of Secretary Rumsfeld to "transform" the armed services in the face of new global threats. In support of this goal, Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, as the preeminent shipyard in submarine overhaul and repair, has continuously "transformed" the processes used to maintain these assets. In a climate of dwindling defense dollars, Portsmouth's unparalleled record of cost and innovation make it vital to our country. Furthermore, no shipyard, public or private, can match Portsmouth's record of quality, schedule, or safety.

The Maine and New Hampshire delegations have outlined compelling reasons to vote to remove Portsmouth Naval Shipyard from the 2005 BRAC list. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Lynda & Rick Cecchetti & Family



Please don't let the Navy abandon New England!

yard open. Thank you very
much

Enclosed are 3 pictures that I
have taken that might brighten
your day.

The lighthouse is the
noblest light house in York Maine.

Very Respectfully
Ernie Landry
WB 6 Material Handler
Supply Dept
Potsmouth Naval
Shipyard

We are the best. Please help to
Keep us open. Thank you. I hope you
enjoy your visit to the ship yard. If this
ship yard were to close the impact on all
the towns around would be very severe as
a lot of people would be out of work.

BRAC Commission
7/2/05
JUL 26 2005

Received

Dear Commissioner Turner,

Thank you for your visit to the shipyard. I have 48 yr government service and almost 29 on the yard. It is a wonderful place to work. We have had a constant record of outstanding work delivered way ahead of schedule, and a superb safety record.

My son went through his apprentice training on the yard and graduated Foreman. Unfortunately he got hit on the last shift and is now at Scotia, N.Y. (Not as happy as when he was here and would like to return.)

I watched you on the hearing and appreciated your questions dealing with workers benefits. If this yard were to close the wife would have a hard time getting all the medication she needs. She is a disabled person and requires quite a lot of medicine ^{being retired & gets a lot} at the Base Hospital.
Please consider keeping the