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Phillip Coyle
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Coyle;

I write in response to the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) panel recommendation of closing for the Groton sub base.

The Windham Region Chamber of Commerce joins with other concerned groups of employers and citizens in eastern Connecticut to extend our full support for efforts to reverse the preliminary decision. It is our belief that several errors of omission were made by the Department of Defense in analyzing the data which lead to its closure list.

We understand it will be a long struggle to force a change but we also realize that, as far away as the Windham Region, the economic implications for base closing and the accompanying threat to Electric Boat will have serious ripple effects. To take such irreversible steps without full and accurate information will harm the public safety and likely increase federal government costs dramatically.

We have asked the regional planning organizations in southeastern Connecticut and the Eastern Connecticut Chamber of Commerce to keep us advised so we may be as much assistance as practical. We hope the Commission will use our help the same way.

Thank you for your consideration in this deliberation.

Sincerely,

Roger A. Adams
Executive Director

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