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BRAC Commission

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The Honorable Anthony Principi
Chairman
2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I recently learned that representatives from Charleston, South Carolina met with BRAC analysts on July 26, 2005. During that meeting, the community representatives provided your staff with additional documentation pertaining to the region's proposed closures and realignments. Accordingly, I respectfully request that the Commission review the new information and run the alternative scenarios suggested by the Charleston community.

I believe you will find the information compiled further validates the presentations made to the Commission on June 28 that the Department of Defense (DoD) recommendation to close the Naval Facilities Engineering Command in Charleston is not a cost effective decision.

Additionally, the DoD recommendation to stand up Space Warfare Systems Command Atlantic in Little Creek, VA and move the command structure from Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center (SSC) Charleston, SC ignored military value and mission savings. The proposed BRAC recommendation also would completely reverse the 1993 BRAC Commission recommendation to consolidate the East Coast headquarters in Charleston.

Thank you for your consideration, and I appreciate your service during this difficult process.

Sincerely,



Lindsey O. Graham
United States Senator