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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi  
 Chairman  
 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission  
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Dear Chairman Principi:

Thank you for the opportunity to meet last week to discuss several issues important to Georgia in the Base Realignment and Closure process. We know your job is a tough one and appreciate you taking the time to meet with us.

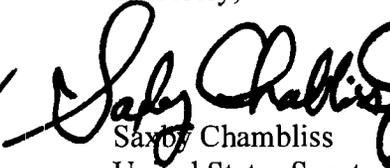
We would like to address a few issues that arose during the course of our meeting. Regarding Kings Bay, we understand that the Government Accountability Office has verified the Navy's estimated MILCON costs to relocate SSN's to Kings Bay. Based on all the information available to us, those costs, \$238M, accurately reflect the implementation costs at Kings Bay. We also discussed environmental clean-up costs, and although closing Naval Submarine Base New London will necessitate environmental restoration, per the BRAC legislation, these costs should not be included in the analysis. Lastly, we understand that implementing DoD's recommendation to close New London will defer roughly \$120M in military construction costs to maintain aging infrastructure, including \$90M to replace three aging piers. We believe this is an important point to consider.

Regarding the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, the Navy recently updated its COBRA analysis to account for the increased BAH costs of moving the school to Newport, RI. Although we do not feel this analysis truly accounts for all these costs, the pay back period for the recommendation changed from 7 to 13 years in the Navy's new analysis. Additionally, we do not believe the Navy effectively accounted for the per diem costs, and there will be increased costs related to TDY lodging.

We would appreciate you considering these factors as the Commission enters the final deliberations of this BRAC process.

Sincerely,

  
 Jack Kingston  
 Member of Congress

  
 Saxby Chambliss  
 United States Senate

  
 Johnny Isakson  
 United States Senate