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Mr. Anthony J. Principi  
BRAC commissioner  
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Dear Mr.Principi

I have lived in Kittery all my life, and the whole time I have lived here, my dad has worked for the Portsmouth Navel shipyard. So for me to move my life would be ruined. I am very quiet so it would be hard for me to make many new friends. When my brother heard my mom and dad talking about moving, he was very scared. He kept asking me if it was true and I told him it was. He said that he did not want to leave any of his friends behind. Neither do I. I know so many people who are going to leave even before the decision has been made. When I told my friends of my possible fate, they said that they wanted me to stay, and that if I left they would not know what to do. I don't want to go. I don't know what I would do either.

If the shipyard closes, Kittery will dry up. So many people will leave. All of the people at the shipyard will take their families and move away to find new jobs. My mom works for a small business owned by a friend. If we leave, the owner said that she does not know how she would survive. She said she may even close her business in fear that she wouldn't be able to handle it alone. The closing of the shipyard would destroy what Kittery is. The whole town of Kittery would be changed, in a very negative way. Please don't close the shipyard. It would ruin my life and the lives of many others.

Sincerely ,  
Colleen Evans Shapleigh middle school student

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May 26, 2005

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Dear Mr. Principi,

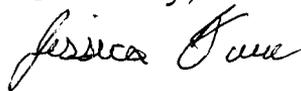
I am writing to you on the subject of the Portsmouth Navel Shipyard being on the closing list.

The main problem I see, with the Shipyard closing is the myriad of people who would have no job. Some places could become overpopulated because there might have no jobs near where they live. The economy level for Kittery would take a drastic drop.

If the Portsmouth Shipyard closes my life will be destroyed. All of my closest friends will scattered all over the country. One will be going to Florida one will be going to move to Vermont, one will be moving to Georgia, one will be moving to Virginia, and two will be moving to Idaho. The town of Kittery will be devastated. This last month the band went on a trip to Six flags and when the kids on the bus found out that our shipyard was on the closing list, they were traumatized. They cried the whole ride there.

You will bring extreme hurt that you would bring to our community. We would be heart broken. So many people's lives will have to be rearranged because you had to close the Portsmouth shipyard.

Sincerely,



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Dear Mr. Principi,

I know that you play a major role in the closing of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. I feel that the Shipyard is important and should not be closed.

The shipyard should not be closed because many people who work there will have to move away. Also their children who live here and have friends would have to move. If all of the kids moved away there wouldn't be very many kids in our schools.

Another problem is that a lot of people will lose their jobs. Some of these people who lose their jobs they might not be able to get a new one. If they can't get a new job, they will not be getting enough money to feed their family until they find a different job.

If the shipyard closes one of my best friends will have to move to Georgia. She will have to move because her dad works at the shipyard. Her father is an engineer there. She will be moving as soon as she finds out if the shipyard closes.

Sincerely,



Jillian Clifford  
Shapleigh Middle School Student