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General James T. Hill (USA, Ret.)
BRAC Commission
521 South Clark Street
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Commissioner Hill,

As you continue your evaluation of base closure recommendations put forth by the Department of Defense (DoD), we respectfully submit *The Case for the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard* for your consideration.

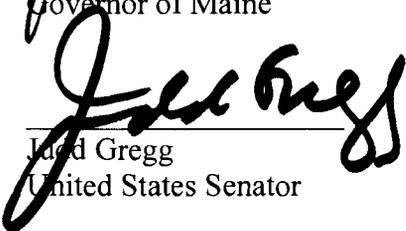
We developed this case book in collaboration with the Seacoast Shipyard Association, the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard Unions and its employees, and the surrounding community.

We hope you will find this to be a helpful resource in your independent evaluation of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the nation's most efficient and cost effective naval shipyard. We will supplement this case book with additional information upon release of any and all data pertaining to the ongoing BRAC round by DoD and in response to any questions you or your staff may have over the next several months.

Sincerely,



John Baldacci
Governor of Maine



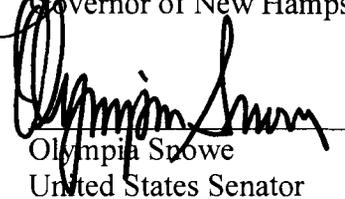
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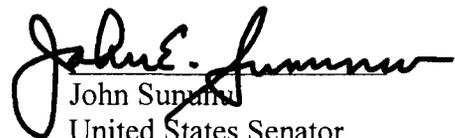
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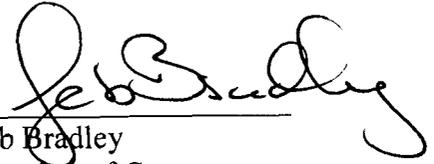
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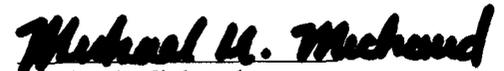
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