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2005 Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 S. Clark St., Ste. 600
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Naval Shipyard Portsmouth

Dear Sirs,

As a taxpayer and citizen of this Country, your recent decision to close the Naval Shipyard Portsmouth in Kittery Maine dismayed me beyond words. It is a bizarre, strategic mistake and must be corrected by removing this base from the closure list. ***This base is saving tax payers money!*** The Base outperforms all other bases performing submarine overhaul and refueling. Why would you close your "best performing store"? It makes no sense and in fact, speaks to the political absurdity that often seems to accompany government decisions.

It is not too late to rectify this situation by removing this outstanding facility from The List. The Naval Shipyard Portsmouth has received innumerable commendations, and in fact received the highest honor (see attached from V.E. Clark, Admiral US Navy, Chief of Navel Operations, the day before being notified that it was to be closed!!! It has developed efficient and effective methods to "get the job done" ***and to save us, the taxpayers, money!*** Naval Shipyard Portsmouth has served our Country in a manner that has set a standard for Public and Private Shipyards, not in a manner that should receive a punitive action.

Please do the right thing! Remove the Naval Shipyard Portsmouth from the closure list. Send more work in the direction of this facility and save the tax payers money!

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Emerson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Emerson