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To Whom It May Concern:

The Killingly Town Council adopted the attached resolution in support for the New London Sub Base and the Electric Boat Company at its June 14, 2005, meeting.

Resolution #R05-029

Town of Killingly

Resolution of Support for the New London Sub Base and the Electric Boat Company

Whereas, the unique and irreplaceable existing co-location and integration of strategic assets at U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London (submarine base, submarine training, underwater research, nuclear capable and deep-water porting, and proven world-class submarine production at Electric Boat) exemplify the ideal alignment that best serves national military and fiscal objectives for sound base location, and

Whereas, in the age of terrorism, any base consolidation affecting global security is a threat to America's offensive and defensive capacity, and

Whereas, commercial transportation, research and development, skilled workforce and related high technology in the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London region are also unduplicated at any identified relocation site, and

Whereas, the direct federal costs of closure and environmental remediation, relocation, recreation of related infrastructure, services and amenities has been vastly underestimated and otherwise largely ignored, and

Whereas, *The Contribution of the Groton Naval Sub Base and the Electric Boat Company to the Economies of Connecticut and Southeastern Connecticut, Economic Impact Analysis*, of May 3, 2005 has found that the contribution of the combined New London Sub Base and Sub School to the state's economy is approximately \$1.3 billion in Gross State Product and approximately 14,040 direct and indirect jobs and that this contribution when further combined with the Electric Boat Company is approximately \$3.3 billion and approximately 31,500 direct and indirect jobs, and

Whereas, many residents of Killingly are either employed at the New London Sub Base, the Electric Boat Company or in related local defense industry contractors that support the Base and Electric Boat, now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF KILLINGLY, CONNECTICUT that the proposed closing of the U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London, Connecticut is clearly not in the best strategic military, budgetary or economic interests of our nation. We, the Town Council of Killingly herein express profound doubts about the objectivity and thoroughness of the process that led to the recommendation to close the New London Sub Base. We also hereby express trust in the work of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and welcome the independent review of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission and respectfully urge the rejection of the recommendation for closure of U.S. Naval Submarine Base, New London on the basis that no other site offers comparable the interconnectivity and joint assets found with the Electric Boat Company at a net additional cost to our national security, federal defense budget, service families and economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Connecticut's honorable U. S. Senators and Representatives be herein urged to devote their considerable energy and political will to a devoted and persistent effort toward retaining the New London Sub Base as part of our nation's military and strategic security assets.

KILLINGLY TOWN COUNCIL


Janice L. Thurlow
Chairman

Dated at Killingly, Connecticut
this 14th day of June, 2005