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Dear Ms. Walsh:

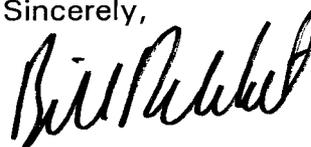
I am forwarding a letter to you from my constituent, John S. McClintock, who recently needed to be airlifted from Martha's Vineyard Hospital to a Boston area hospital for emergency care.

Mr. McClintock wanted to express to the BRAC Commission his first hand knowledge of the importance and need for the services provided by the Coast Guard helicopter out of Otis Air National Guard Base on Cape Cod Massachusetts. He credits his very life to fast action and professionalism of the crew.

As you finalize the list of Bases to be closed, please consider stories such as this one and know that there are many more stories of life saving events like Mr. McClintock's.

With kind regards.

Sincerely,



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Dear Rep. Delahunt,

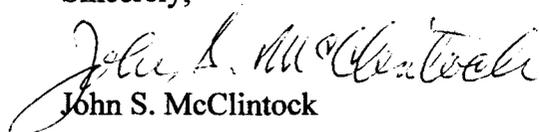
I greatly appreciate the testimony you, Senators Kerry and Kennedy gave at the hearing on the base closures proposed for this area. All of you covered the ground very well. I would just like to add my own experience to your arguments.

Recently my wife noticed that my color was very far from what it normally is. She took me to the hospital emergency unit here on the Vineyard. I had been bleeding internally for quite some time and had become very anemic. My kidney function was also abnormally low. For various reasons receiving the number of transfusions that I needed may have caused me to need emergency dialysis. The Martha's Vineyard hospital has dialysis equipment but not emergency dialysis equipment so I was to be airlifted to Boston. The only means available on a timely basis was the Coast Guard helicopter out of Air Force Base.

The Coast Guard crew was wonderful as were all of the people involved on both ends of the flight. Col. Penington, who was the flight surgeon, even call me the next day to find out how I was. If Otis Air Force base is closed others who need help such as I did will be out of luck.

Thanks for what you have done so far. If I can send a copy of this letter to any one please let me know. You are free to release any part or all of this to any one you choose.

Sincerely,

  
John S. McClintock