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Received

The Honorable James H. Bilbray
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Bilbray:

I want to express my gratitude to you for your support of the Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard during the deliberations of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission. I appreciate your understanding of the strategic value of Pearl Harbor's and its multi-platform capabilities.

I believe that the work of the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission is very important and I understand the difficulties involved in determining the best course to take in some instances. When the work of the Commission is completed and as the BRAC process proceeds, it is my sincere hope that our nation's military will emerge finer than ever as the strongest military in the world.

Aloha pumehana,



DANIEL K. AKAKA
U.S. Senator