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The Honorable James H. Bilbray  
BRAC Commission  
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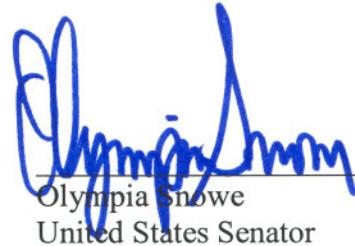
Dear Commissioner Bilbray:

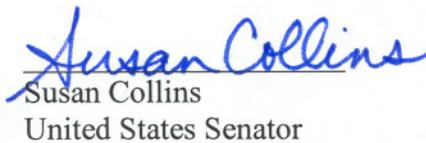
We understand that in accordance to Base Closure and Realignment statutes and the Commission's internal guidelines, each facility recommended for closure by the Department of Defense will be visited by one or more members of the Commission. We look forward to this visit and hope that each and every one of you will be able to visit and see first hand why the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard is the best.

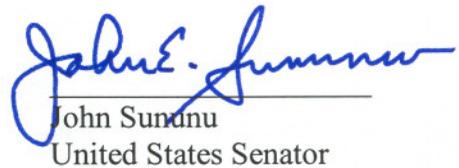
We plan to accompany the Commissioners on their tour of the Shipyard, as we take pride in this integral component to our national security, our submarine force, and the region. We look forward to your response.

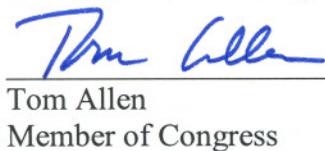
Sincerely,

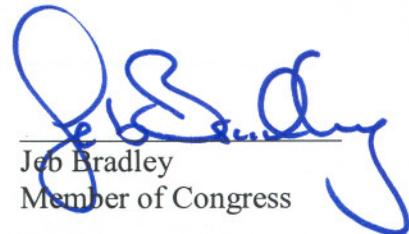
  
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