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Commissioner
Base Realignment and Closure Commission
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Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Admiral Gehman:

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I am growing increasingly concerned that the DOD has not properly followed the selection criteria in making its re-alignment recommendations. One of the main criteria of the BRAC process seems to be the creation of joint centers of excellence in order to improve our efficiency while maintaining the quality of service provided to our war fighters. NSWC Crane is a joint activity providing products and services to all branches of the military. Another key criteria of the BRAC process centers on Military Value. The Military Value scores for NSWC Crane in the area of Sensors, Electronics and Electronic Warfare (S, E and EW) are higher than almost every other DOD activity.

One example of a recommendation that does not make sense is the re-alignment of Army S, E and EW work from Fort Monmouth to Aberdeen Proving Grounds. According to the Technical Joint Cross Service Group Analysis and Recommendations document dated 19 May 2005, which is available on the DOD BRAC website (www.defenselink.mil/brac), NSWC Crane has much higher Military Value scores than both Fort Monmouth and Aberdeen Proving Grounds. In addition, NSWC Crane already has a close working relationship with the Army since it is co-located with CAAA. If the BRAC criteria are followed properly, this workload should be re-located to NSWC Crane instead of Aberdeen Proving Grounds. Additionally, this same logic applies to the Army S, E and EW work being relocated from Fort Belvoir to Aberdeen Proving Grounds. The Fort Belvoir workload should be re-aligned to NSWC Crane since NSWC Crane has existing joint S, E and EW capability as well as higher Military Value scores.

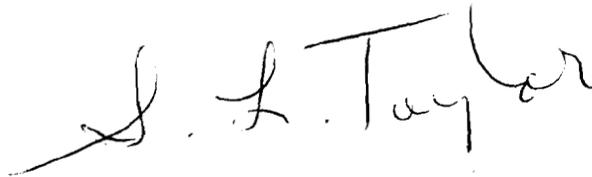
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I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align S, E and EW workload to sites other than NSWC Crane by properly taking into account the joint capability of NSWC Crane and CAAA as well as the DODs own Military Value scoring analysis.

Very Respectfully,

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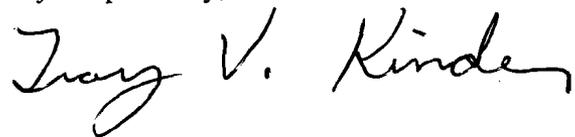
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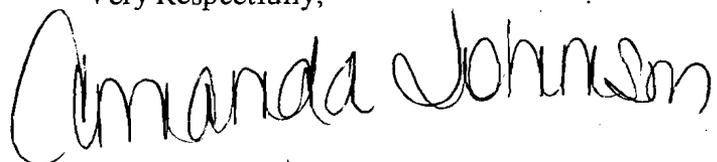
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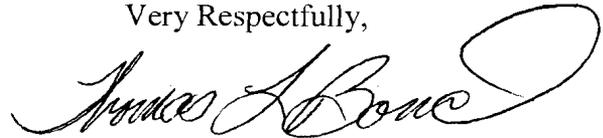
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Crane enjoys. The ordnance workers at Crane have provided faithful, quality, cost-efficient and innovative service to the Navy since the 1940's. Crane does not enjoy the high profile in the Capital that some of the other similar facilities enjoy, but in spite of that situation and the threat of BRAC, Crane Ordnance still daily continues to serve the fleet from this hidden gem in the Midwest. Crane resides in a beautiful rural area with deep roots and strong family ties that sustain a workforce that has proudly provided for our Armed Services through the years and continues to Support the Warfighter today.

Very Respectfully,

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Thomas L. Bond
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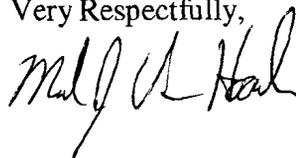
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I urge you to reconsider the recommendation to re-align the ALQ-99 work from NSWC Crane by properly taking into the costs involved in this re-alignment and the relatively short remaining service life of the equipment.

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Mr. & Mrs. H. Wade McArthur III

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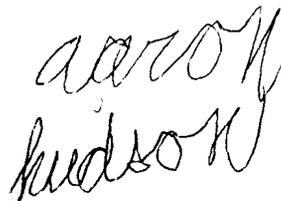
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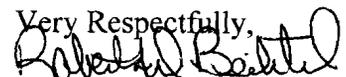
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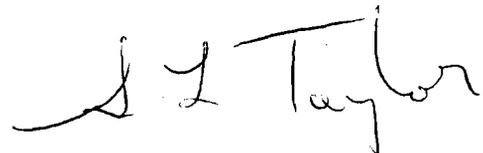
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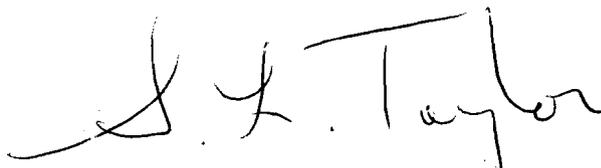
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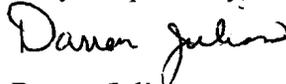
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From: Ryan Barton
Date: July 3, 2005
Subject: Portsmouth Naval Shipyard

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I attended a Portland Sea Dogs baseball game in Portland Maine on June 22 when I became aware of the urgent need for public support regarding this important issue.

Many people depend on this vital military base as their source of income. Whether civilian, military, or surrounding businesses that provide services to those that work there, the base NEEDS to stay open.

I live in the Orlando area and saw the Navy base close. It became yet another project for developers to make money on. The little guys, like those that will lose their jobs if the base closes, won't benefit one cent from this closing.

My information is noted below. I hope you decide on a favorable resolution to this matter. One that keeps PNS alive.


Ryan Barton

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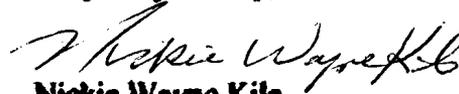
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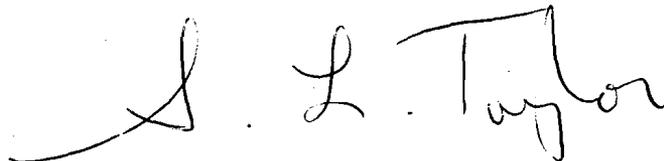
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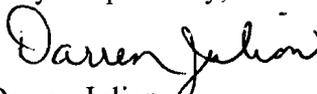
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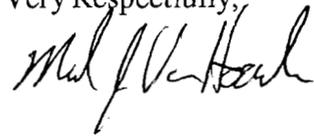
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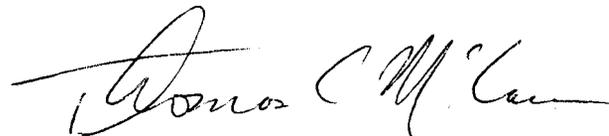
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Dear Commissioners,

I work at Naval Support Activity (NSA), Crane Indiana for the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Crane Division in the Ordnance Department. I am an Information Technology (IT) Specialist. My husband also works on the center in the Microwave Department as an Electronics Engineer. My job is listed as potentially affected; his is not.

While working at Crane I have been involved in the IT side of logistics for the lifecycle support of test and measurement equipment for Trident submarines. I developed and maintained a system for Non-Combat Expenditure Allocation (NCEA) tracking for the NAVSEA major claimant. I also tracked requirements and usage of NCEA for the 2T conventional ammunition program office. I developed Program Objective Memorandum (POM) requirements for conventional ammunition and related budget submissions. I have worked on projects to model and simulate weapon system effectiveness; design high performance magazines; and model the radiation hardened circuit design project. I have worked on models for life cycle costs of a weapon system and the cost of engineering support for ammunition in production. I maintain the Receipt, Segregation, Storage, and Issue (RSS&I) system for the tracking of Navy ammunition at the piers; tons moved, hours worked, and associated costs. I have a bachelor of science in computer science; hold a security clearance and I am defense acquisition workforce improvement act (DAWIA) certified.

My husband has worked with Electronic Counter Measure Pods for every type of aircraft from F16's to B52's. He develops test programs and equipment for the repair and maintenance of oscillators, couplers, filters, and RF switches. His group has been active in rapid improvements events (RIE's) that provide increased efficiencies and reduced the quarterly repair rate. They have developed metrics to analyze processes and cut out waste. He worked with Standard Electronic Module (SEM) programs in support of the Trident I and Trident II missile systems and the Phalanx Close-In Weapons System. Previously he helped support Norfolk Virginia, San Diego, and Pearl Harbor through a module screening and repair activity (MSRA). My husband has a bachelor of science in physics and one in electrical engineering. He also holds a security clearance and is DAWIA certified.

We are only two of many professionals at Crane.

I agree that doing the best thing for the Department of Defense and Department of the Navy is priority one. If a change will actually help get material to the warfighter in a less expensive manner while retaining quality I am all for it. Crane has been a cost effective part of Navy support for decades. We do so many things. Combined we have the expertise to 'make it happen' on projects that would not be done well by people who know only one area of electronics, microwave, logistics, ordnance, and chemistry. Crane has the capability to call on several areas of expertise at once. I often hear that co-workers are receiving patents on ordnance devices. There has been a concentrated effort at Crane to keep our hourly rate down. As long as we provided a quality product we had thought the additional cost of doing business elsewhere would keep the work at Crane. Having worked with government cost estimates and cost

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projections for years my experience is that if the cost advantage projected is small it will probably never pan out.

We hear realignment of work and realignment of function. What I don't hear is how the government will take care of the affected workforce during the reorganization. Talk of having to make choices about moving if it is a realignment of function or being out of work is disturbing. With large companies that have two professionals working for them there is an attempt made to keep them in the same division/location. Also if it is necessary to relocate one of the employees there is a personnel team that works to help the family relocate, find and sell homes, locate work for spouses, even job offers for spouses. I hear nothing on this subject. My friends outside the government have been assisted whenever their companies requested or required that they move.

What I perceive as a potential situation here is that the government could lose many professional employees. If a family is going to have to move anyway for their job(s), why not move outside the government allowing for many more location choices? Why not move to a company that will help with the expense of moving? People will be looking at change that they might never have instigated on their own. This could be a great loss to the government of a trained, experienced workforce. In previous years the workforce was primarily under the old retirement system. The new system is much more portable to private industry reducing the hold the government has on an employee.

We were told if we were not willing to move with our jobs that we aren't patriotic. I say we are some of the most patriotic people around. Many of the people here are ex-military, reservists, or have family in the service. These are very family oriented people and our country is built on families. What do we fight for if not our families, our faith, and our freedoms?

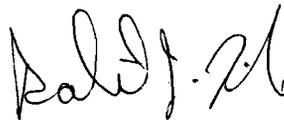
I could go on and on about how much we like where we are. We have a home on a 74-acre farm with 20 acres of trees and 20 acres of crops. We bought the farm to give our children a place to explore as they grow. We are comfortable with our current situation. That is probably true for most people. We are active in our church, school, and other community organizations.

I know you have a difficult job. You cannot keep all the people happy. All I ask is that you truly take a look at the capabilities of activities and work year rates instead of the politics (within Navy, DoD, and Congress). I wish you well.

Sincerely,



Irene Stockton



Robert J. Zile

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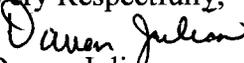
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Very Respectfully,

Darren Julian

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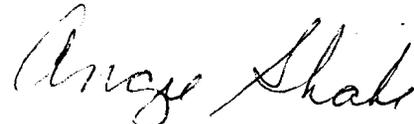
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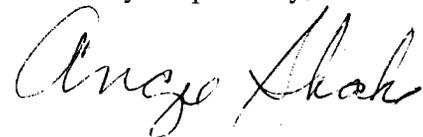
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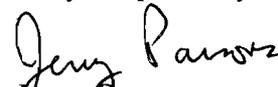
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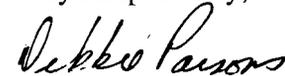
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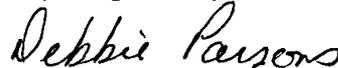
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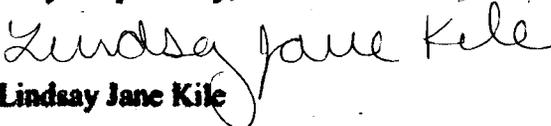
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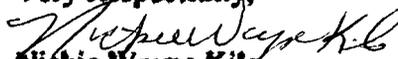
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Very Respectfully,

Kim Hopkins

Crane employee 25 years

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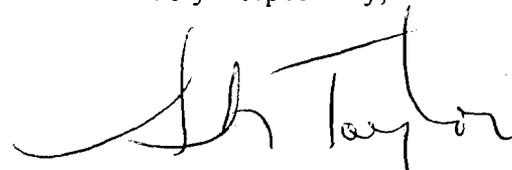
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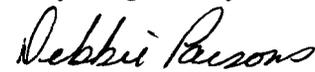
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