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BRAC Commission Chairman Anthony Principi
Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

I am sending a copy of the Town of Waterford, Connecticut Resolution recommending and supporting the Naval Submarine Base stay open at Naval Base New London in Groton, Connecticut.

There should be a naval presence in New England. The reasons should be self-evident.

The Submarine School is a major resource for state of the art training of the submariners who are a key element of our homeland security.

We should not close a military base that will not easily ever be re-opened in a densely populated area like southern New England. History sadly repeatedly teaches us that we will need it again.

Homeland security means strong coastal defense. George Washington helped teach us that; we should not forget the lesson.

Waterford hopes that global policy strategy reasoning takes the long view and provides for the common defense.

Sincerely,

Paul B. Eccard
First Selectman
Waterford, CT

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RESOLUTION

The Waterford Board of Selectmen hereby resolves to recommend and support the Naval Submarine Base stay open at Submarine Base New London in Groton, Connecticut. This strategic defense facility represents an essential element of the ability of the United States of America to deploy our military defense worldwide in the national interest.