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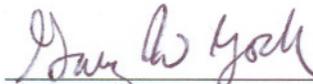
Chairman Anthony Principi  
BRAC Commission  
521 South Clark Street, Suite 600  
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Chairman Principi:

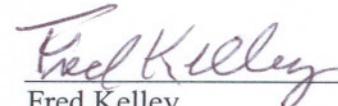
The Candia Board of Selectmen would like to take a few minutes of your time and request that you reconsider the placement of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard on the recommended base closures list for the 2005 Base Realignment and Closing round. The Town of Candia is a small New Hampshire community of approximately 4,000 residents located off Exit 3 on Highway 101 leading directly to the Portsmouth area. There are many reasons why we are in support of the Shipyard remaining open with the main reason being that three Candia residents are presently employed there and all of them have families to support. Our next concern is Homeland Security and the protection of the harbor. In 2001 terrorists gained access to a Boston flight via an airport located in the State of Maine and with this being stated we feel it is extremely important to have an active duty military installation located between New Hampshire and Maine. During 9/11 it was more than obvious to the Country that the anticipated targets were all located on the east coast and we as a local governing body find it makes perfect sense to support any existing security measures the State has in place in order to further protect citizens from any future attacks. We feel just as criminals know the daily routines of Police Officers; terrorists know the locations of Active Duty Military Installations and also know where each State's weaknesses lie. We find the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to be an important deterrent against terrorism and we would ask that you consider keeping it open for many years to come.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
The Candia Board of Selectmen

  
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Gary York, Chairman

  
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Senator John Sununu  
Congressman Jeb Bradley  
Congressman Charles Bass  
Portsmouth Mayor Evelyn Sirrell  
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