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Anthony J. Principi
BRAC Commission
Polk Building
Suites 600 and 625
2521 South Clark St
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

I have lived in Maine all my life and Brunswick Naval Air Station has always been here as a constant military force. I retired from BNAS after 29 years as a Civil Servant. The strategic location of the base and the runways that any size aircraft can land on should not be lost. It would make more sense to close Jacksonville and send their P-3's up here. BNAS is a lot closer to the major cities, seaports and shipping lanes.

The northeast has no other active duty military airfield to protect this area of the country. I am very concerned with your decision on this issue. I request you reconsider this realignment. I feel this base is necessary for the War on Terrorism and the economy of the State of Maine.

The closure of Loring Air Force has economically ruined Northern Maine. The impending closure of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard will have a heavy negative impact on Southern Maine. The realignment of Brunswick Naval Air Station will cause economic and protection problems for Central Maine. I am a United States citizen and taxpayer, and I feel this part of the country is being overlooked as a valued military stronghold.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Heidi George". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

HEIDI GEORGE