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May 20, 2005

Mr. Anthony Principi
Chairman
BRAC 2005 Independent Commission
2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202

Dear Mr. Principi:

I am writing in support of a request submitted by several of my California colleagues for two commissioners to visit Naval Support Activity Corona, CA and the Naval Surface Warfare Center Division. Their request responds to the Department of Defense's announcement and publication of the Base Closure and Realignment recommendations on May 13, 2005, which recommended the closure of this facility.

One of the most important parts of the BRAC process is that of providing the public the opportunity to testify about potential impacts of proposed closures and realignments on our communities. As such, I would like to express my support for their request that Admiral Harold W. Gehman Jr., USN (Ret) and Congressman James V. Hansen be assigned to tour the facility and hear from the various community and military leaders in the area about this proposed action.

They also requested that, as part of the 15 regional hearings planned before September 8, 2005, the southern California hearing be held in either Riverside or San Diego County. I would also like to express my support for that effort.

Thank you for your service to this great country. I understand that the independent review of the BRAC recommendations to be provided to Congress and the President of the United States is a daunting task. I look forward to working with you as this process proceeds.

Sincerely,

WALLY HERGER
Member of Congress

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