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July 11, 2005

Chairman Anthony J. Principi
Base Realignment & Closure Commission
2521 South Clark Street
Arlington, VA 22202

RE: Naval Base Ventura County

Dear Chairman Principi & Commissioners:

This is a letter of support for the retention of current staffing levels at the commands now located at the two facilities which constitute Naval Base Ventura County. As has been shown by the research performed earlier by the Ventura County BRAC TaskForce, the current deployments perform efficiently and effectively in a variety of missions which are critical to West Coast naval operations.

The two facilities together represent such a critical land resource in Ventura County that it is imperative for our local economic vitality for these facilities to operate at top capacity. Cutting back on operations and manpower while retaining the total land area of the facilities in exclusive Navy usage would do a significant disservice to the local economy.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,

Steven L. Kinney
President

cc: Ventura County BRAC Task Force