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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi,
Chairman, Base Closure and Realignment Commission 2005
Washington, DC

Dear Chairman Principi,

Kitsap County has enjoyed a longstanding affiliation with its naval activities since the founding of our Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in 1895. We have many involved local citizens dedicated to the support of naval activities in the Puget Sound area. A Kitsap County Delegation met with the Assistant Secretary of the Navy for I&E in early November 2003 and again in early August 2004 to present documentation ensuring that the Navy organization responsible for Base closure and realignment understood the very special partnership that this community enjoys with our local Naval establishment.

Our volunteer BRAC Task Force, working in concert with the local citizenry to develop this resource assessment shows strong support of the Navy. The Board of County Commissioners feels this in depth documentation should be considered a high military value asset.

The Full County Board Task Force Study is forwarded herewith:

The areas of study are enclosed in the following order:

1. Fiber optic Broadband Infrastructure hook up
2. Chamber of Commerce Support
3. Local City Support
4. Economic Support
5. Education
6. Health and Medical Services
7. Low Cost Housing
8. Human Services
9. Law Enforcement
10. Navy League Support
11. Transportation
12. Quality of Life
13. Work Force Development

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Appendices: Significant Local Services, Laws, Coalitions, Partnerships and Publications.

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It is noted that each area of study was prepared and certified by the best-qualified person in the County for their respective discipline and the entire operation was done on a volunteer basis. All our studies indicate that our community can handle expansion as it has always done in the past. We are fully convinced that our Kitsap County Bases can handle additional functions that may need to be removed from other bases being realigned or closed.

Sincerely,

Chris Endresen, Chair

Jan Angel, Commissioner

Patty Lent, Commissioner

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