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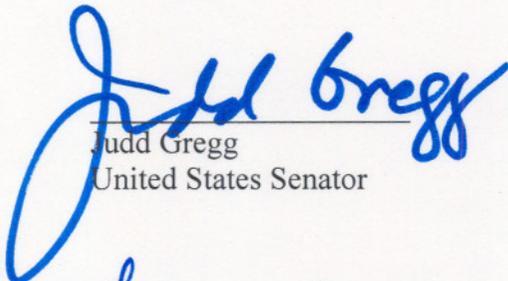
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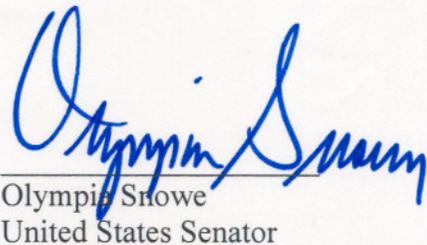
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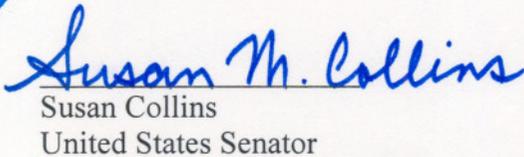
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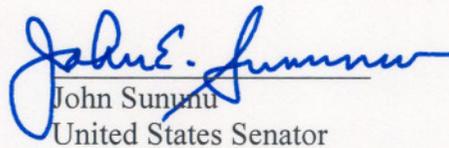
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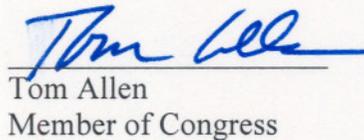
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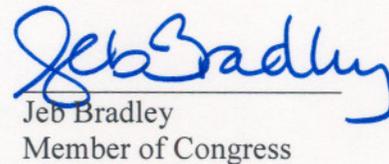

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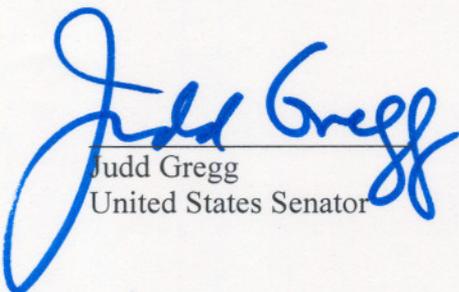
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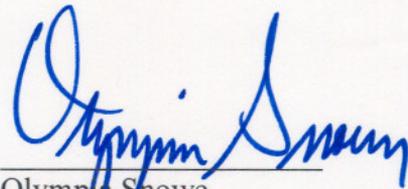
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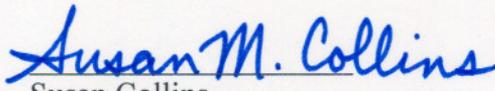
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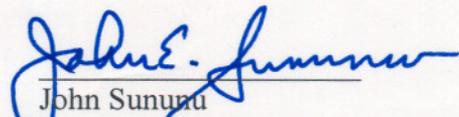
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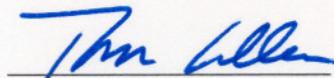
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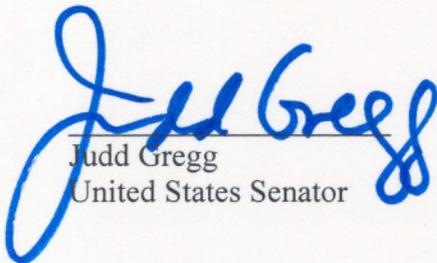
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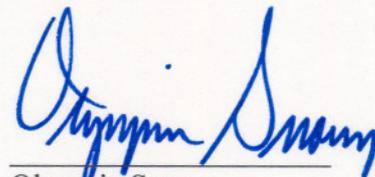
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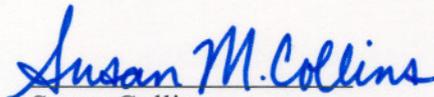
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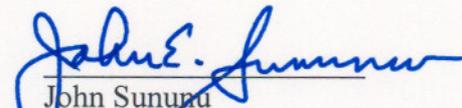
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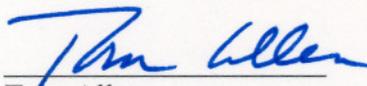
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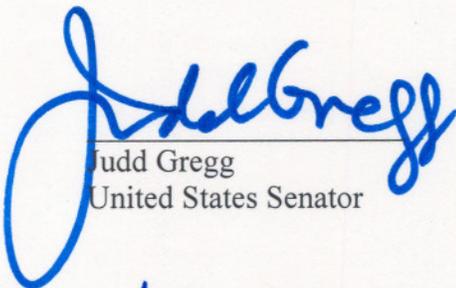
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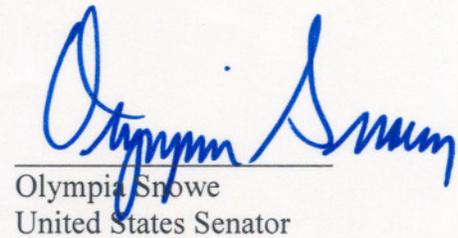
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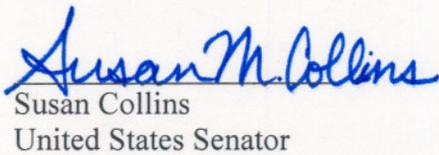
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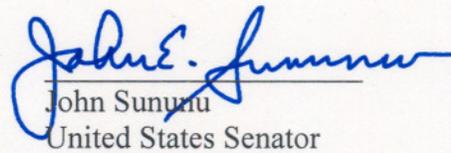
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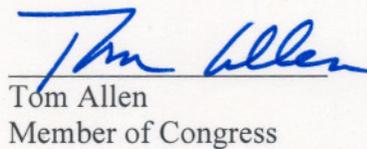
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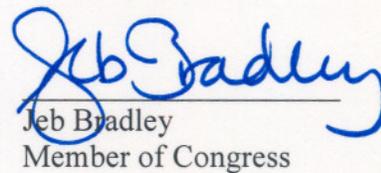

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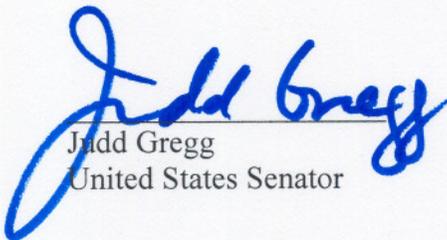
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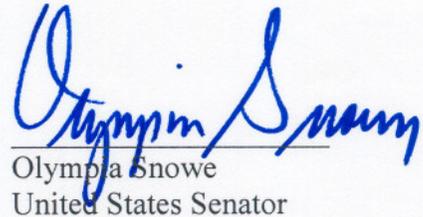
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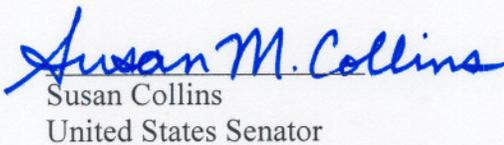
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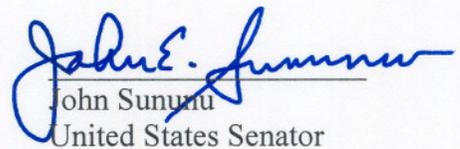
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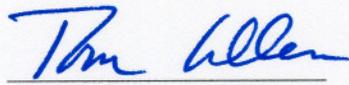
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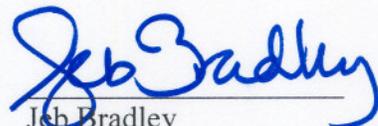

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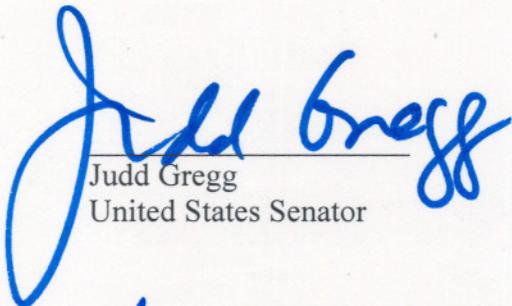
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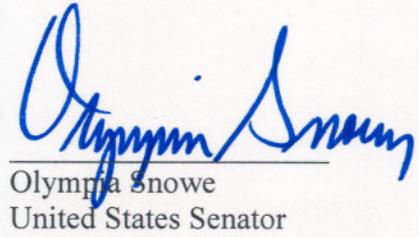
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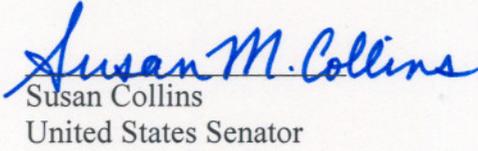
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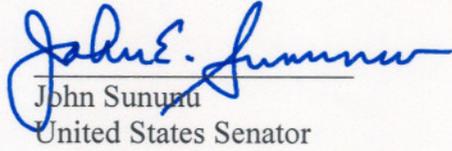
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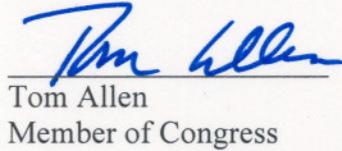
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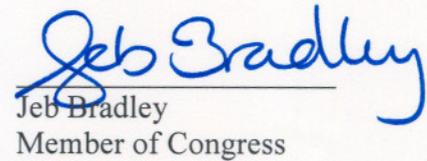

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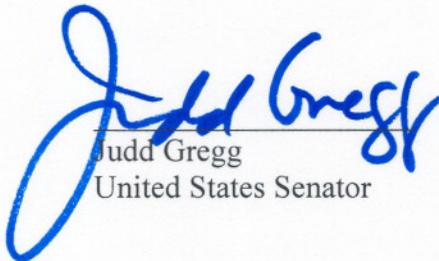
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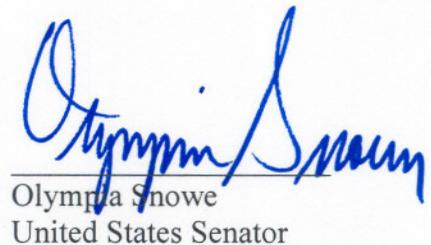
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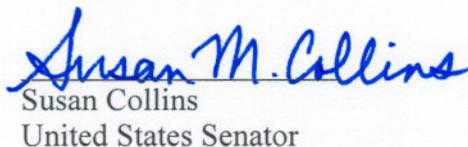
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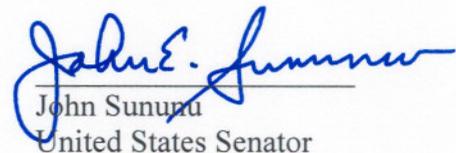
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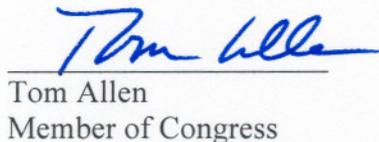
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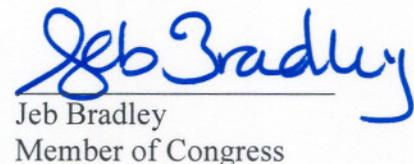

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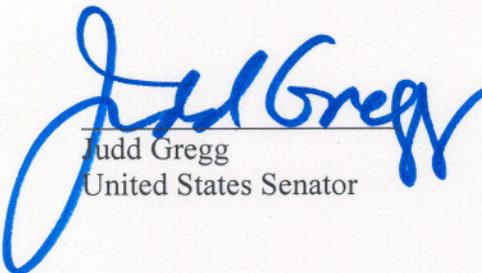
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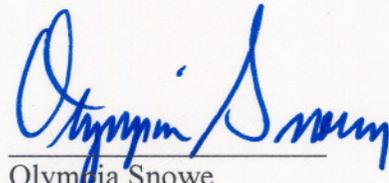
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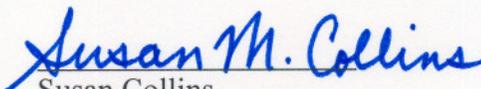
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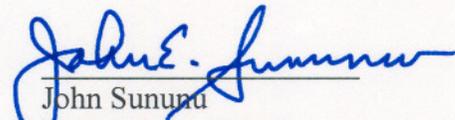
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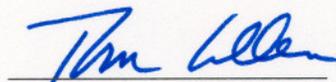
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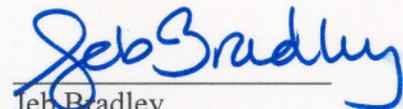

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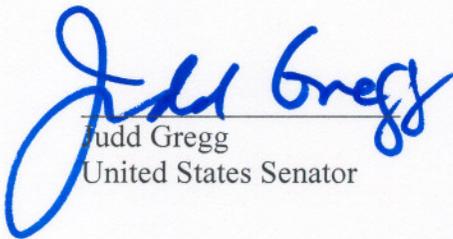
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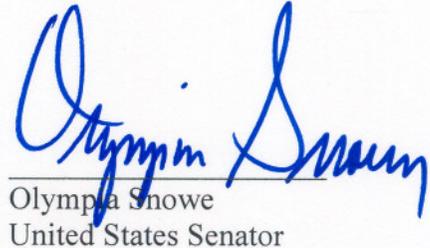
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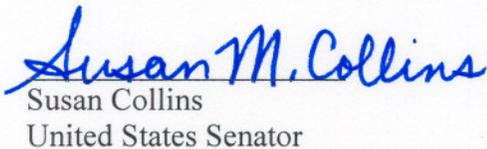
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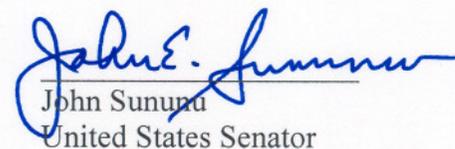
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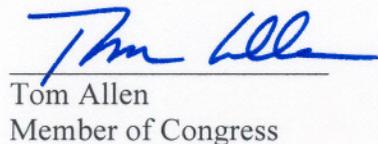
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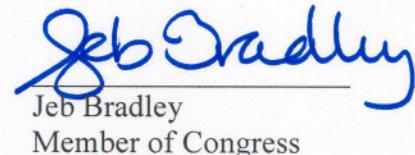

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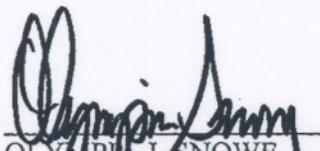
We are writing to express our disbelief that when the Department of Defense (DoD) released its Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations on May 13th, it did not also release the comprehensive set of data used to justify its recommendations. According to Under Secretary Michael Wynne, these data will not be released until the end of this week. We ask that these data be provided immediately.

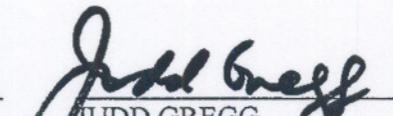
This deviation from the announced process disadvantages the communities that are facing the closure or realignment of a military facility, as well as the BRAC Commission charged with examining DoD's recommendations. Communities and the Commission are already facing a compressed time schedule during which the Commission will be taking input from the public. With this delay, the communities and the Commission now have one less week of precious time in which to analyze the data needed to make their case, and review DoD's conclusions, respectively.

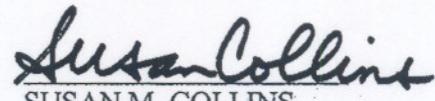
Meanwhile, officials from the Department and the Services will spend this week defending their justifications in public before the Commission. This is tantamount to allowing a prosecutor to argue his case before the jury without the defendant knowing what evidence, if any, is being presented. Such a situation would not be tolerated in a court of law and it should not be tolerated in the BRAC process either.

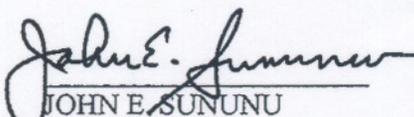
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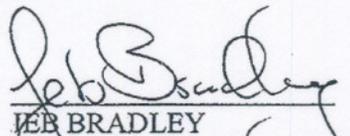
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