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Dear Mr. Principi,

I am writing to urge you to please, please, leave Brunswick Naval Air Station to continue its operations here in Maine. It is vitally important to the safety and security of the Eastern Seaboard that BNAS remain open.

Millions of dollars were recently spent on the BNAS in upgrades and new facilities. I can't understand spending such monies if the plan were to close the base.

Additionally the financial impact on Brunswick and the surrounding area would be profound. Maine is already a state that struggles with issues regarding per capita income. Surely you don't want to contribute to this problem.

Please help ensure the safety of this country by keeping BNAS open. It is a strategically important part of our national security, as New England is heavily populated with large cities and ports.

Thank you for your consideration,

Catherine Robinson