

ORIGINAL Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20510

May 19, 2005

The Honorable Donald H. Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
The Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Mr. Secretary:

So that we may properly assess the Department's basis for recommendation last week to close and/or realign three of Maine's military installations, please provide as soon as possible any and all writings and communications set down by handwriting, typewriting, printing, photocopying or other form of data compilation, including email, in the care, custody or control of the Department relevant to any portion of the Department's analysis, consideration and/or recommendation that Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Brunswick Naval Air Station and the DFAS operation in Limestone, Maine (hereinafter collectively referred to as the "Maine bases") be closed or realigned, respectively. Such writings shall include, but not be limited to, the Department's application of the following criteria to each of the Maine bases:

1. The current and future mission capabilities and the impact on operational readiness of the Department of Defense's total force, including the impact on joint war-fighting, training, and readiness as regards the Maine bases;
2. The availability and condition of land, facilities and associated airspace (including training areas suitable for maneuver by ground, naval, or air forces throughout a diversity of climate and terrain areas and staging areas for the use of the Armed Forces in homeland defense missions) at the Maine bases and the recommended receiving location(s);
3. The ability to accommodate contingency, mobilization, and future total force requirements at the Maine bases and the recommended receiving locations to support operations and training;
4. The cost of operations and the manpower implications of the recommendations to close/realign the Maine bases;
5. The extent and timing of potential costs and savings, including the number of years, beginning with the date of completion of the closure or realignment, for the savings to exceed the costs at the Maine bases;
6. The economic impact on existing communities in the vicinity of the Maine bases, including New Hampshire communities;

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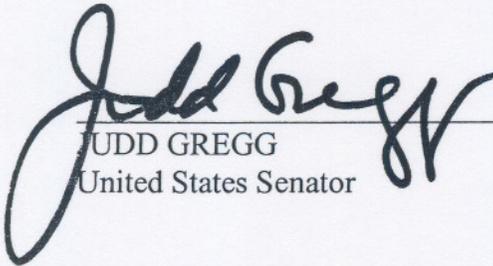
7. The ability of both the Maine bases and the recommended receiving communities' infrastructure to support forces, missions, and personnel; and

8. The environmental impact of closing/realigning the Maine bases, including the impact of costs related to potential environmental restoration, waste management and environmental compliance activities.

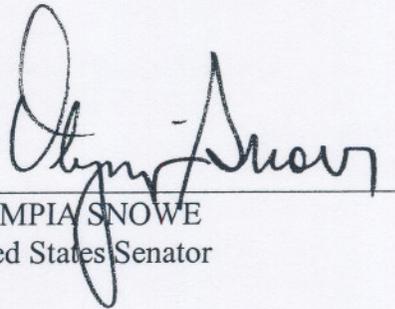
For the purposes of this correspondence, Department is defined as the Department of Defense, the Office of the Secretary of Defense and all service components to include the Navy, Marine Corps, Army and Air Force.

Because time is of the essence, we appreciate your very prompt attention. Thank you.

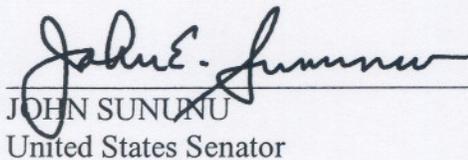
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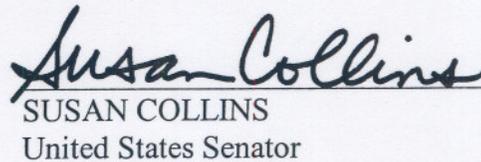
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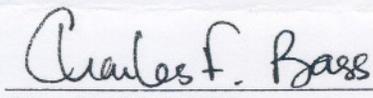
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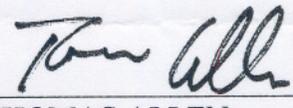
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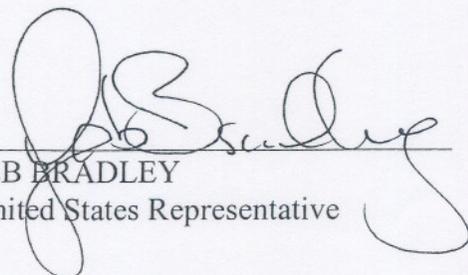
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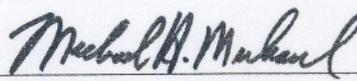
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