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The Honorable Anthony J. Principi
Chairman, BRAC Commission
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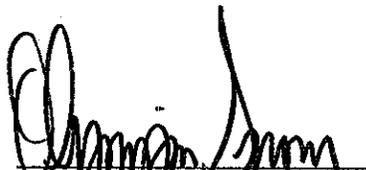
Dear Chairman Principi:

We understand that in accordance to Base Closure and Realignment statutes and the Commission's internal guidelines, each facility recommended for closure by the Department of Defense will be visited by one or more members of the Commission.

We look forward to this visit and hope that each and every one of you will be able to visit and see first hand why the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, the Brunswick Naval Air Station and the Defense Financing and Accounting Service facility in Limestone are essential to our national security.

We plan to accompany the Commissioners on their tours in Maine, as we take pride in these integral components to our nation's defense and to the region. We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


OLYMPIA J. SNOWE
United States Senator


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United States Senator


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United States Representative


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United States Representative