

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20510

February 18, 2005

President George W. Bush  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

We are writing to you to convey the names of individuals whom we believe possess the requisite experience, skills, and sensitivities that would make them excellent representatives on the Defense Base Closure and Realignment Commission and to urge you to select one or more of them as nominees to serve on the BRAC Commission.

Recognizing that you are consulting with the Speaker of the House, the Majority and Minority leaders in the Senate, and the Minority leader in the House in developing your list of nominees, we nonetheless want to forward this list because of our deep interest in ensuring the Base Realignment and Closure process incorporates viewpoints from a broad and varied group of individuals.

Because all military installations within the United States and its territories will be examined and considered for realignment or closure as part of this BRAC round, it is crucial that there be geographic diversity reflected in the make-up of the Commission. We realize the Commissioners will be asked to assess the list of installations recommended for closure based upon an honest and thorough appraisal of objective data focused primarily upon the military value of each of those installations. However, we believe there should be a certain level of geographic familiarity with all of the nation's regions to ensure a process that is fair, equitable, and, indeed objective.

We respectfully recommend to you the following individuals, who, while being very familiar with New England and the installations that remain in operation there, share a common history of providing the very finest of public service to this nation and recognize the need to serve the nation as a whole in serving upon a Commission that will impact communities across the country.

Lieutenant General (USMC ret.) Robert Winglass served this nation in the United States Marine Corps for 35 years, retiring in 1992 as Deputy Chief of Staff for Installations and Logistics at Headquarters, Marine Corps, Washington, DC. LTG Winglass also served as Deputy Chief of Staff for Requirements and Programs, and Deputy Commanding General of the Marine Corps Research, Development, and Acquisition Command. LTG Winglass served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was responsible for logistic support for the Marine Corps during Operation Desert Storm, so he is intimately knowledgeable about the needs of warfighters in battle and what is required in the way of infrastructure to support them. LTG Winglass' experience has not

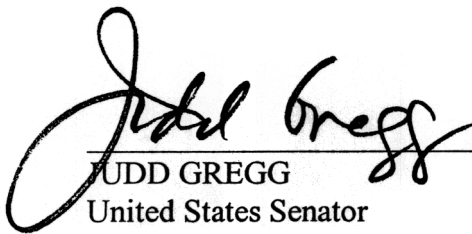
been strictly limited to the military, however. He served two terms in the Maine House of Representatives following his retirement from the Marine Corps, earning praise and respect for his service from politicians on both sides of the aisle in Augusta, Maine.

David F. Emery served this nation as a two-term Maine State Representative, a four-term U.S. Representative from Maine's first congressional district, and as the Deputy Director of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency in the 1980's. While serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, Mr. Emery sat on the House Armed Services Committee and on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee, becoming an expert on naval and sea power issues. He served as Chief Deputy Republican Whip during the 97<sup>th</sup> Congress.

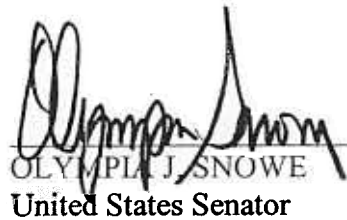
As you can see, Mr. President, these individuals have answered the call to duty repeatedly in serving the United States and are willing to do so once again to ensure that the BRAC process is one that serves well the future needs of our military and the security of the United States.

Once again, we urge you to name one or more of them to the BRAC Commission.


Sincerely,



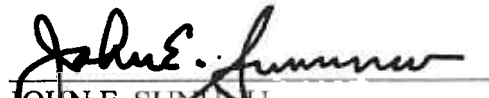
JUDD GREGG  
United States Senator



OLYMPIA J. SNOWE  
United States Senator



SUSAN M. COLLINS  
United States Senator



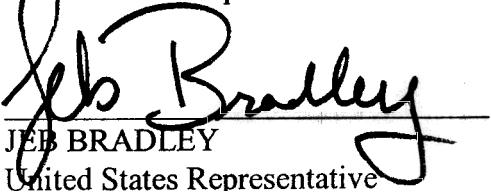
JOHN E. SUNUNU  
United States Senator



CHARLES F. BASS  
United States Representative



THOMAS H. ALLEN  
United States Representative



JEB BRADLEY  
United States Representative



MICHAEL H. MICHAUD  
United States Representative