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August 25, 2010

The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
Office of the Secretary of the Navy
2000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350-2000

Dear Secretary Mabus,

As the Navy continues its study of potential sites for a new Outlying Landing Field (OLF) to support training operations at NAS Oceana, we would like to affirm our position on locating an OLF in North Carolina.

We are proud of the significant military presence in our state and of the strong working relationships we have with military leaders here and in Washington, DC. However, we are first and foremost attuned to the people of North Carolina and to our local communities. The procurement of an OLF in North Carolina must not be forced upon any community that has voiced its opposition to it, both as a matter of good public policy and applicable state law.

The local governments of Camden, Currituck, and Gates Counties have clearly expressed such opposition. In response to this opposition, our General Assembly unanimously passed an amendment to General Statute 104-7 which provides that North Carolina does not consent to acquisition of land in a county which has no existing military base at which aircraft are stationed "for the purpose of establishing an outlying landing field to support training and operations of aircraft squadrons stationed at or transient to military bases or military stations located outside of the state".

While we do not oppose the idea of an Outlying Landing Field at an appropriate location in North Carolina, such a facility must not be forced on any community which does not want it.

We will continue to watch this issue closely and to communicate our concerns to the Navy as needed. We appreciate your thorough consideration of this important issue for North Carolina's future.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signatures of Bev Perdue, Marc Basnight, and Joe Hackney.

Bev Perdue Governor	Marc Basnight President Pro Tempore North Carolina Senate	Joe Hackney Speaker North Carolina House of Representatives
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cc: North Carolina Congressional Delegation

