

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20510**

May 24, 2005

The Honorable Gordon England  
Secretary of the Navy  
1300 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Secretary England,

We request that you provide the following information that was used in the Navy's determination to recommend the closure of Portsmouth Naval Shipyard at Kittery, Maine to the Base Realignment and Closure Commission:

- A detailed breakdown of cost of closure assessments, including factors applied by COBRA in lieu of actual cost estimates.
- All options considered by the Chief of Naval Operations or Vice Chief of Naval Operations to reduce excess capacity in shipyards (including closure, realignment, workload shifts and private sector capacity).
- A detailed breakdown of cost of operations assessment, including shipyard and base costs.

We expect that this information be delivered to us no later than May 31, 2005.

Sincerely,

  
Judd Gregg  
United States Senator

  
Olympia Snowe  
United States Senator

  
John Sununu  
United States Senator

  
Susan Collins  
United States Senator

  
Jeb Bradley  
Member of Congress

  
Tom Allen  
Member of Congress

  
Michael Michaud  
Member of Congress