

Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Kay Hagan
United States Senate
B40A Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Hagan:

As you may be aware, the U.S. Navy continues to examine possible sites for an Outlying Landing Field (OLF) in northeastern North Carolina. In 2007, North Carolina's elected representatives reflected the will of the people of North Carolina and opposed the Navy's proposed OLF in Washington County, NC.

As part of the Navy's ongoing preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement in support of the OLF, two site location alternatives in northeastern North Carolina are under study and consideration – the Sandbanks site on the Gates County/Hertford County border and the Hales Lake site on the Camden County/Currituck County border. We continue to support these communities in their strong opposition to constructing an OLF at these sites out of concern for the adverse economic, environmental and quality of life impacts.

The OLF would serve fighter jets based at Naval Air Station Oceana in Virginia and will serve to mitigate noise concerns in the Hampton Roads, Virginia, metropolitan area surrounding Oceana. While the OLF would greatly benefit the communities surrounding Naval Air Station Oceana, North Carolinians are understandably concerned about the adverse impacts they would be forced to endure. We believe this to be an unfair burden on North Carolina citizens.

We believe that the Navy has other viable options for locations for an OLF other than northeastern North Carolina. The citizens and local governments of northeastern North Carolina overwhelmingly oppose the establishment of this facility in their area. We ask that you stand with us in support of our local communities in their opposition.

Very Truly Yours,



Walter B. Jones
Member of Congress



G.K. Butterfield
Member of Congress

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