
Date

Name and Address of Sec. of Navy or Asst. Sec. of Navy

Dear _____:

I want to let you know that I, along with the rest of the community in Gates County, am opposed to an Outlying Landing Field in Gates County and Northeastern North Carolina. Our county is home to many treasures – the Dismal Swamp National Wildlife Refuge, Merchants Millpond State Park, the Chowan River, and a peaceful, tranquil way of life that doesn't exist many places in today's world.

Lives in Gates County and the communities with the four other proposed OLF sites are in turmoil. People have stopped building houses. People have stopped plans to move their elderly parents closer, scared they will have to move them again.

When our Navy's own documentation includes "an OLF is not required" (FEIS 2003), one wonders:

Why are 5 communities in turmoil?

Why spend at least \$294 million on something "not required"?

Please reconsider your decision to build an OLF and use existing facilities that are not used to their full capacities. With our national debt over \$10 trillion, it is imperative that taxpayer money is used wisely. We've just bailed out Wall Street and paid billions for an economic stimulus package. We absolutely cannot afford a spare OLF. We hope and pray you will give this your full consideration at this most critical time in the life of our community.

Sincerely,

Your name and address