
Date

Name and Address of Senator or Congressman

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 within 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 the 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 use the power of your office to help us. 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. Your office's voice may well be the loudest voice we have at this most critical time in the life of our community and nation.

Sincerely,

Your name and address