## MONTGOMERY COUNTY BRAC IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE

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Rear Admiral Richard R. Jeffries Medical Corps, U. S. Navy Commander, National Naval Medical Center 8901 Wisconsin Avenue Bethesda, MD 20889

Dear Admiral Jeffries:

I am respectfully submitting comments from individual members of the Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee (BIC) on the Navy's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for NNMC BRAC in Bethesda.

The BIC is an advisory board of community leaders and government officials appointed last year by County Isiah Executive Leggett. The BIC supports the mission of this BRAC action – to establish the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Bethesda, the flagship medical institution serving our country's servicemen and women. The County must work with the Navy to ensure that this unique action, which is taking place in an urban and well established community, be accomplished in a manner that respects its environment and sustains the mission.

Please note that the individual Committee members' comments attached herewith do not constitute the Committee's official report, nor do they represent the views of the Committee as a whole. Rather, they represent the individual views of the authors. The BIC submitted its report to County Executive Leggett, who will use its findings to help craft Montgomery County's official comments on the Draft EIS.

I appreciate your attention to these comments. I encourage you to respond directly to each of them.

Sincerely, My H. Carmun

John H. Carman, Chair Montgomery County BRAC Implementation Committee

Attachment