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WRITTEN TESTIMONY
REGARDING THE ANNOUNCED CLOSURE OF THE
UNITED STATES COAST GUARD AIR FACILITY
IN NEWPORT, OREGON

Date: October 20, 2014

I wish to provide the following written testimony regarding the announced closure of the United States Coast Guard Air Facility in Newport, Oregon.

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Comments:

As a private citizen, I urge you to do the right thing and provide appropriate rescue services for Newport. As a health & safety professional - I work with the fishermen to protect and prevent injuries & fatalities. As they do their part to prevent disasters - they still need the service to rescue them. Please reconsider and keep the helo in Newport

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Comments:

As a public health professional,
I believe the decision to close the air
station will harm the community.
Please reconsider.

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Comments:

AS AN ACTIVE DUTY NAVAL OFFICER, I WAS SUPPLY OFFICER OF THE USS WALKER (DD-723) BASED AT LONG BEACH, AND SUBSEQUENTLY ASST SUPPLY & FISCAL OFFICER AT NAVAL POSTGRADUATE SCHOOL AT MONTEREY. I CONTINUED MY SERVICE FOR 25 YEARS MORE, RETIRING IN 1990 AT THE RANK OF SC CAPTAIN, AND WAS OFTEN INVOLVED IN BUDGETING AND SERVICE DELIVERY, INCLUDING TRAINING, READINESS AND SUPPORT OF THE US NAVY AND RESERVE COMPONENTS.

BUDGETARY DECISIONS IN NORMAL TIMES ARE NEVER FUN, IN TIGHT TIMES THEY ARE NEAR IMPOSSIBLE, BUT STEEL MUST BE MADE. THERE ARE ALWAYS "TRADE-OFFS" - AND IT IS UNTHINKABLE TO HAVE A TRADE-OFF OF LOST LIVES OF MARINERS TO EFFECT A "SAVING" IN CLOSING THE NEWPORT COG. AIR FACILITY. FOR THAT MATTER, THERE ARE OTHER MEANS AT HAND TO REBALANCE THE FUNDS, AS ADDITIONAL FLIGHT HOURS WILL BE ABSOLUTELY REQUIRED, WITH EVEN FEWER AIRCRAFT AND STRETCHED PERSONNEL, PUTTING ALL AT RISK, NOT JUST THE THREATENED MARINERS WHO CAN BE PUT IN HARM'S WAY ALL TOO EASILY - THE NET SAVINGS SIMPLY CANNOT BE THE FINAL NUMBER! IF DESIRED, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO TAKE A "RECALL" TO DUTY TO ASSIST THE USCG LEADERSHIP IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO THESE CHALLENGES -

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Comments:

I work at Yaquina ~~Head~~ Head ONA BLM and can tell you if it weren't for the help ~~of~~ I don't know how the surfers ~~are~~ that frequently get stranded on the rocks off ~~the~~ ~~head~~ of Yaquina Head would have been rescued. These ~~are~~ ^{are} cliffs ~~are~~ with rocky edges that create large waves inaccessible to ~~the~~ swimmer and boat rescue.