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**Statement on the basing of the ten F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet
Squadrons on the East Coast of the United States:**

I thank the Navy and the local communities for working together as the Navy completed its comprehensive review regarding the basing of the ten F/A-18 E/F Super Hornet squadrons on the east coast.

The decision to base eight squadrons at Oceana shows the importance of the Hampton Roads region in preserving and strengthening national security.

The building of an outlying landing field in North Carolina will reduce air traffic and jet noise for Chesapeake residents who live near Fentress Air Field, while at the same time providing additional military reinforcement to help keep all citizens safe.