March 19, 2019

Dear Member of Congress:

My name is **NAME**, and I’m emailing you on behalf of **COMPANY**. We are located in **CITY**, **STATE** and have **##** employees in your district/state. We make **PRODUCT**, for submarines. We are advocating for the below funding in the FY20 defense authorization and appropriations bills on behalf of the Submarine Industrial Base Council and the submarine suppliers in your state and across the nation. The submarine industrial base is comprised of more than 5,000 companies in nearly all 50 states and employs tens of thousands of highly skilled American workers. Thank you for recognizing the vital role submarines play in our national defense. This year, we request your support for the following:

**Supplier Development Funding (Add $175M to Navy SCN, Columbia Class Submarine Advanced Procurement PB20 request for supplier development)**

Additional funding enables placing material orders with sufficient lead time for the submarine industrial base to invest in their facilities and people, adding additional resiliency and creating multiple suppliers for critical components. Improved capacity in the current industrial base reduces risk to the Columbia and Virginia Class submarine programs. Supplier development funding must continue because of the time necessary to add sustainable capacity and capability to the supply base and qualify new suppliers to perform complex submarine work.

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| Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy /BA 01: Fleet Ballistic Missile Ships | 1611N/01/1  1045 / Columbia Class Submarine  P-1 Line #1 | Enacted FY19 Funding Level $3,173.4 Million | Requested FY20 Funding Level $1,873.9 Million (PB20 +$175 Million = Request) |

**Columbia Class Ballistic Missile Submarine (SSBN) Program (Support FY20 President’s Budget Request)**

The Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) program will deliver a minimum of 12 submarines to replace the current Ohio Class SSBN fleet and provide the required strategic deterrence capabilities into the 2080’s as set forth in the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review. This funding supports FY21 construction start, mitigates risk to the industrial base, provides stability to reduce program costs and is vital to keep the ship on schedule. The current Ohio Class SSBNs and the Columbia Class that will replace them are the nation’s most survivable nuclear deterrent.

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| 1319: RDT&E Navy / BA4 | PE 0603595N / SSBN New Design 3220/Columbia Class Submarine Development R-1 Line # 51 | Enacted FY19 Funding Level $542.8 Million | Requested FY20 Funding Level $419.1 Million |
| 1319: RDT&E Navy / BA4 | PE 0603570N / Advanced Nuclear Power Systems 3219/SBSD Nuclear Technology Development R-1 Line #46 | Enacted FY19 Funding Level $190.1 Million | Requested FY20 Funding Level $114.0 Million |
| Department of Energy- Naval Reactors | Columbia-Class Reactor Systems Development | Enacted FY19 Funding Level $138.0 Million | Requested FY20 Funding Level $75.5 Million |
| Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy /BA 01: Fleet Ballistic Missile Ships | 1611N/01/1  1045 / Columbia Class Submarine  P-1 Line #1 | Enacted FY19 Funding Level $3,173.4 Million | Requested FY20 Funding Level $1,873.9 Million (PB20 +$175 Million = Request) |

**Virginia Class Attack Submarine (SSN) Program (Support FY20 President’s Budget Request)**

Virginia Class attack submarine funding is critical to maintain program cost, schedule and design improvements while providing future capabilities to the fleet. FY20 requests authorization for 3 Virginia Class submarines to more rapidly build the attack submarine force towards the 66 submarines required for the Navy’s continued undersea dominance.

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| Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy / BA 02: Other Warships | 1611N/02/1  2013 / Virginia Class Submarine,  P-1 Line #3 | Enacted FY19 Funding Level $4,340.7 Million | Requested FY20 Funding Level $7,155.9 Million |
| Shipbuilding and Conversion, Navy / BA 02: Other Warships Advanced Procurement / EOQ | 1611N/02/1  2013 / Virginia Class Submarine,  P-1 Line #4 | Enacted FY19 Funding Level $2,796.4 Million | Requested FY20 Funding Level $2,769.6 Million |
| 1319: RDT&E Navy / BA5 | PE 0604558N / New Design SSN  R-1 Line #132 | Enacted FY19 Funding Level $180.2 Million | Requested FY20 Funding Level $121.0 Million |

The Submarine Industrial Base Council and its members are proud of their contribution to our nation’s security and economy. With your help, we can continue to design and build the world’s best nuclear-powered submarines that help keep America safe today and tomorrow.