SIBC 2020 TALKING POINTS

- Supporting U.S. submarine programs and the submarine industrial base is critical to our national defense, economic security and ensuring our worldwide undersea dominance
- My company makes [product for submarine] and provides [#] high-skill jobs in [state/district].
- **SSBNs are foundational to national security and "...our *first acquisition priority.*"** (Admiral Michael Gilday, Chief of Naval Operations, December 2019).
  - SSBNs are the most survivable leg of the nuclear triad. The Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) must remain our highest national security imperative.
  - The Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine (SSBN) program will deliver ***a minimum of 12 submarines*** to replace the current Ohio Class fleet and provide the required strategic deterrence capabilities for decades as set forth in the 2018 Nuclear Posture Review.
  - The Columbia Class SSBN is already well into design. Advance construction has started and the first ship construction begins in FY21.
- **Virginia Class Attack Submarines** (SSGNs) with the Virginia Payload Module (VPM) produced at a rate of at least two per year are essential for the Navy to maintain undersea dominance and strike capability. The 30-year Shipbuilding Plan's commitment to a stable and predictable submarine building profile is key to adding production capacity and capability.
- The **Virginia Payload Module** is needed to mitigate the 60% drop in undersea strike capacity when the Ohio Class SSGNs retire. VPM is a cost-effective way to restore undersea strike capacity.

SIBC's FY21 Congressional Requests

1. **Support Navy funding of $4.4 Billion ($397M in RDT&E, $4.015B in SCN) and DOE funding of $65 Million in FY21 for the Columbia Class submarine program.**
   - Delivery of the Columbia Class on schedule maintains the minimum SSBN force structure necessary to protect the U.S. and our allies.
2. **Support additional funding of $2,768M to Navy, SCN, Line 5, Virginia Class Submarine, to maintain the two Virginia Class attack submarine (SSN) annual build rate. This is the Navy's #1 Unfunded Priority.**
   - The FY21 President's Budget cut one Virginia Class Submarine from the planned two-per-year build rate. Congress included $200M in FY20 Advance Procurement funding for this ship. Further, Congress directed the Navy to budget for two Virginia Class submarines in the bi-partisan FY20 Defense Authorization Act.
   - Virginia Class attack submarine funding is critical to maintain program cost, schedule and design improvements while providing future capabilities to the fleet.
3. **Support $130M be added to FY21 Navy SCN, Columbia Class submarine advance procurement funding for continued supplier base reconstitution.**
   - Continue to help build up the fragile submarine supply base and increase resiliency by creating multiple suppliers for critical components to add competition and capacity.
   - The nuclear shipbuilding industrial base is ramping up production capacity to support the increased demand of the Navy shipbuilding plan.