



2021 Talking Points

- Your support of 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 the **Columbia Class ballistic missile submarine program is the Defense Department's #1 priority.**
 - SSBNs are the most survivable leg of the nuclear triad.
 - The Columbia SSBN program must deliver **a minimum of 12 submarines** to replace the current Ohio Class fleet and provide the required strategic deterrence capabilities for decades to come.
 - Construction of the first Columbia Class SSBN began in October 2020.
- **Virginia Class Attack Submarines** (SSNs) with the Virginia Payload Module (VPM) **produced at a rate of at least two per year are essential** to maintain Navy undersea dominance and strike capability.
- The **submarine industrial base** has lost thousands of suppliers since the Cold War, and **must expand and increase resilience** to effectively meet the Columbia and Virginia demand. This expansion supports tens of thousands of high-skill, high-wage jobs across the country.

FY22 Congressional Budget Requests

1. Support Navy funding of \$4.322 Billion (\$326M in RDT&E, \$3.996B in SCN) and DOE funding of \$55 Million in FY22 for Columbia Class development.

- Delivery of the Columbia Class on schedule maintains the minimum SSBN force structure necessary to protect the U.S. and our allies.

2. Support Navy funding of \$6.651 Billion (\$318M in RDT&E, \$6.333B in SCN) to maintain the two Virginia Class attack submarine (SSN) annual build rate.

- The U.S. currently has 50 fast attack submarines. Both the recent Future Naval Force Study and FY22 Shipbuilding Plan call for at least 72 SSNs by 2045.
- Virginia Class attack submarine funding is critical to maintain program cost, schedule and design improvements while providing future capabilities to the fleet.

3. Support an additional \$130M to FY22 Navy SCN, Columbia Class submarine advance procurement funding for continued supplier base reconstitution.

- The submarine industrial base of 2,708 first-tier suppliers across nearly all 50 states must expand and increase resilience to meet the Columbia and Virginia demand.

*Funding request amounts are based on PB21 data due to the PB22 development still in progress.