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SUBJECT: U.S. NAVY SHIP DRYDOCK REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THE SAN DIEGO METRO AREA

Mr. Valenzuela,

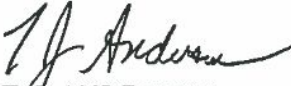
Current drydock capacity and capability within the San Diego Metro area does not support forecasted surface ship maintenance requirements for the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

Ship maintenance drydock requirements have been projected through Fiscal Year 2026. While most Navy ships require drydocking every 9 years, the INDEPENDENCE (LCS-2) Class docking requirement is every 32 months. Based on the current Fleet size and available capacity, at least 14 ships will have to drydock outside of San Diego between FY20 and FY24. An additional six ships have overlaps in current drydocking schedules that will have to be resolved with either schedule changes, or relocation out of San Diego for these maintenance periods.

The Navy has not received responses to recent proposal requests for contracted LCS maintenance. Therefore, identification of other solutions within the San Diego Metro area, either through existing Navy or commercial facilities, is required. Access to local sources will allow accomplishing ship maintenance without requiring the ships and crews to relocate. This would provide substantial cost savings to the Navy, in addition to minimizing operational impacts.

The Navy is willing to consider opportunities to mitigate these drydock requirements, ideally using docking facilities in the San Diego area. The information in this letter is provided in the event businesses are interested in establishing a drydock in San Diego.

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