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THE DIRECTOR

The Honorable Tim Murphy
Chairman
Congressional Steel Caucus
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. ~~Chairman~~: *TM*

Thank you for your letter to the President regarding naval shipbuilding and specifically, the procurement rate of aircraft carriers such as the *Virginia*-class submarine (SSN) and the *Arleigh Burke*-class destroyer (DDG-51). I am responding on his behalf, and appreciate the time you took to share your views and your interest in naval shipbuilding.

With the release of President Trump's Fiscal Year 2018 Budget, the President has demonstrated his steadfast commitment to addressing the challenges we face as a Nation. This Budget delivers on promises made to the American people, including those to protect our Nation and rebuild our military, honor our veterans, and create jobs while eliminating the deficit in the next decade. This Budget will serve as the framework to create a new foundation for the well-being of all Americans.

In the Budget, the Administration proposes the first year of funding for the third *Gerald R. Ford*-class aircraft carrier (CVN-80) as well as multi-year procurement contracting authority for both the SSN and DDG-51 programs. Specifically, the Administration proposes multi-year procurement contracting authority and advance procurement for up to 10 SSNs and up to 10 DDG-51s. Future budget requests for shipbuilding will be informed by the ongoing Defense Strategic Review and related strategy documents under development by the Administration.

I look forward to working with you throughout the budget process. Thank you again for your letter. If you or your staff have any questions, please contact the Office of Legislative Affairs at LegislativeAffairs@omb.eop.gov.

Sincerely,

Mick Mulvaney
Director

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The Honorable Alcee Hastings
The Honorable Terri Sewell
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