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Dear Citizens of Indiana,

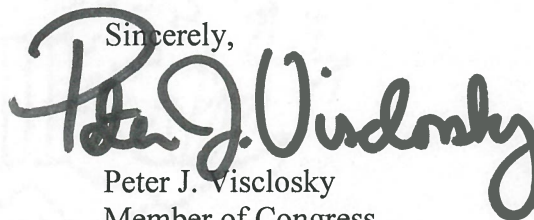
It is a tremendous honor to write this letter celebrating the upcoming commissioning of USS *Indianapolis* (LCS 17).

The commissioning of USS *Indianapolis* will mark the fourth time a United States Navy vessel will bear the name of Indiana's capital city. This heritage dates back to World War I and is a source of great pride. This incredible warship, constructed on the shores of Lake Michigan, will be one of the most capable naval platforms in the world and an enduring tribute to our state's indomitable spirit and proud military history.

USS *Indianapolis* is testament to the hardworking and highly skilled women and men of the U.S. Navy and our nation's unparalleled shipbuilding and manufacturing industries. Taking a ship from a set of engineering plans and turning it into a commissioned vessel is a major endeavor and requires the coordinated efforts of countless sailors, civilian workers, and shipbuilding partners.

As the finalizing work continues for the USS *Indianapolis* Commissioning Committee, suppliers, and shipyard workers, I thank you all for your unwavering dedication to our great state's namesake, ensuring our warfighters are as safe and effective as possible in their missions to keep our nation secure.

Sincerely,



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