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Fellow Hoosiers,

Across Indiana, Hoosiers celebrated the news that America’s sixteenth Virginia class attack submarine would bear the name of Indiana. Hoosiers should be proud that this new vessel and crew will carry the name of our great state around the world in a show of force, along with peace and prosperity.

USS Indiana follows in the great Navy tradition of past ships of the same name: the USS Indiana BB-1, and BB-58. This newest submarine will play an honored role in our nation’s history, and I know this new crew will also serve with honor and distinction.

The USS Indiana reflects the hard work and dedication of Hoosiers everywhere, from those who contributed to the construction, to those who honor and support the crew, and to all who serve throughout the military. Our state has a distinguished record of military service and it is fitting that members of this Commissioning Committee embrace such patriotism.

I am very proud to stand alongside this Committee and the crew of the USS Indiana, and am looking forward to seeing this amazing vessel commissioned and begin her journey of serving our great nation.

Sincerely,

Todd Rokita
Member of Congress

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