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To the Commissioning Committee of the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS 17),

Congratulations to the hardworking members of the Commissioning Committee of the USS *Indianapolis* on making this critical project a reality. The *Indianapolis* (LCS 17) stands as a testament to the work ethic, perseverance, and determination of your Committee, and all Hoosiers. Since the project's inception in 2013, the Committee as well as the crew and officers have dedicated countless hours to making the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS 17) possible, and I am proud to offer my support for the commissioning of this magnificent vessel.

Bearing the name of our States capitol city, Indianapolis, this vessel will represent the history and legacy of our great state. Following in the footsteps of an impressive line of ships named after Indianapolis, this vessel will be an essential piece in providing for our defense and national security. On behalf of the 4<sup>th</sup> District of Indiana, I again congratulate you on the commission and completion of the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS 17).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jim Baird', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

Jim Baird  
Member of Congress