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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro

Chairwoman

**Committee on Appropriations** 

Room H-307, The Capitol

Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger,

I am requesting funding for the USS The Sullivans Preservation Project in fiscal year 2022.

The entity to receive funding for this project is the Buffalo and Erie County Naval & Military Park, located at 1 Naval Marina Park S, Buffalo, NY 14202.

The funding would be used to support USS The Sullivans, a national historic landmark, which is taking on water through its deteriorating hull below the water line. A plan has been developed to make the necessary repairs to the hull and apply a Navy-approved epoxy to the under side of the ship to create a water-tight barrier and prevent further damage. The funding provided would facilitate this repair.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

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Brian Higgins Member of Congress