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My Fellow Hoosiers,

Thank you for your tireless contributions to the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS-17) Commissioning Committee.

The name *Indianapolis* has proudly graced three previous vessels in our nation's Navy and demonstrates a century's heritage of naval tradition. The USS *Indianapolis* (ID-3865) transported valuable supplies to Europe in the aftermath of the First World War. The cruiser USS *Indianapolis* (CA-35) served with distinction in the Pacific theater for over three years during World War II before she was sunk in action on July 30, 1945. The USS *Indianapolis* (SSN-697), a Los-Angeles class submarine, served out the final decade of the Cold War and helped usher in the new era of naval heritage and dominance. I have no doubt that our new USS *Indianapolis* (LCS-17) will continue their forbearers' legacy of bravely defending our nation and its interests.

As a Littoral Combat Ship, the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS-17) will help the Navy secure vital coastlines, defend maritime commerce, and assist Navy strategy in defeating the enemy in contested spaces.

Hoosiers have a proud and longstanding tradition of service to our nation in the Navy, and along with the recently commissioned USS *Indiana* (SSN-789), the USS *Indianapolis* (LCS-17) will be an important part of that tradition.

I am honored to support the vital work of the Commissioning Committee as they make the vision of the new USS *Indianapolis* a reality. The honoring of Indiana's capital will be remembered by Hoosiers for generations. Again, thank you for your efforts and I look forward to the commissioning of USS *Indianapolis* (LCS-17).

In service,



Todd Young
United States Senator