



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 23, 2022

The Honorable Carlos Del Toro
Secretary
United States Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, DC 20350

Dear Secretary Del Toro,

I am writing in full support of the USS Massachusetts Commissioning Committee, to host the commissioning of USS Massachusetts here in the Commonwealth. Our cruise terminal in South Boston has served the U.S. Navy well even recently with the commissioning of the USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116), named after a Medal of Honor recipient. This was a well-attended event and was magnificently supported by both the state and the city – we would be honored to do that again for USS Massachusetts.

For our city and all the people of Massachusetts, it is a distinct honor to have a ship of the U.S. Navy bear the name, Massachusetts. We have been privileged to be beside the sea which has become part of our life and spirit as well. From our history of Naval Militia, to the birthplace of the USS Constitution, the oldest commissioned warship afloat and the Ship of State, to the founding of our country, to today, the great city of Boston has been at the heart of that tradition.

Our people and our industries are committed to the building of the submarine Massachusetts. Over 80 suppliers from the Commonwealth are part of her construction, and our people work at General Dynamics sites in neighboring states building components and hull sections for the submarine that will “ply the oceans” into the 2060s in name of the Commonwealth.

With my support for your consideration of Boston as the commissioning site, I also look forward to the continued relationship with the families and crew of USS Massachusetts that a Boston commissioning will foster.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor

cc: Commissioner Robert Santiago, City of Boston Office of Veterans' Services