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Massachusetts has long contributed its best and brightest to defend our rights and freedoms. It is only fitting, then, that our Commonwealth will be the namesake for our nation's newest warship. The submarine USS Massachusetts, SSN 798, will become the first Navy vessel to bear our state's name since the Battleship Massachusetts, BB-59, which served with honor in World War II.

From our state's rich maritime heritage, which dates back to the founding of our republic, to the thousands of Massachusetts firms and institutions that provide essential research, equipment, and services to support our national defense today, we in Massachusetts are proud of our continued commitment to America's national security.

We, as members of the Massachusetts Congressional Delegation, stand together in support of Governor Baker's request to conduct the commissioning of submarine Massachusetts in the Commonwealth at our Flynn Cruise Terminal in Boston. The commissioning ceremony is an opportunity to showcase the bond between the crew of the Massachusetts and citizens of Massachusetts.

Moreover, we join the Governor and the Commissioning Committee to support the events and the ceremony of commissioning this great submarine. We look forward to the efforts ahead and offer our support.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

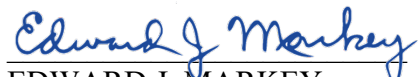
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