

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Joe Courtney
Chairman
Subcommittee on Seapower
and Projection Forces
Committee on Armed Services
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Robert J. Wittman
Ranking Member
Subcommittee on Seapower
and Projection Forces
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Dear Congressmen Courtney and Wittman:

We would like to invite you to Maine for a visit to the Bath Iron Works shipyard.

Given your leadership positions on the Seapower and Projection Forces Subcommittee and your representation of naval construction shipyards and their workers in your districts, we wish to extend an opportunity for you to tour the facilities at BIW and meet with its world-class workforce.

BIW is the largest non-service sector employer in Maine and has been a cornerstone of our state's economy for more than a century. As you will hear often, "Bath built is best built," – and we mean it.

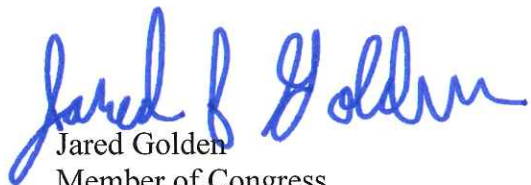
You are well aware of the promise and challenges in naval shipbuilding as we await the unveiling of the Integrated Naval Force Structure Assessment and the President's FY2021 budget. We hope a visit to the shipyard would be informative in this regard.

We look forward to joining you on this visit and please let us know if we can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,



Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress



Jared Golden
Member of Congress