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The Honorable Solomon Ortiz
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The Honorable J. Randy Forbes
Ranking Member
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Dear Chairman Ortiz and Ranking Member Forbes:

As your subcommittee begins to consider the Fiscal Year 2009 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs appropriations bill, I respectfully request your support for \$41 million in the Navy's budget request for the replacement of Pier 31 at Naval Submarine Base New London.

Pier 31 is currently 33 years old and was designed for Sturgeon class attack submarine (SSN 637). As such, the pier is not right-sized for the Los Angeles class (SSN 688) or Virginia class (SSN 774) submarines that provide the core of our attack submarine fleet. Pier operations are currently limited by its narrow and inadequate size, and any crane usage blocks its entire width. Replacement parts are not available for its antiquated electrical support equipment, and the piles are severely eroded to the point of rendering the pier unusable in submarine support operations.

The pier replacement project will enhance submarine support operations at the base's waterfront by providing the size and space necessary to allow for simultaneous work on both sides and the clearance necessary for fire protection and other support equipment. Once finished, the new pier will enhance the base's ability to service today's modern attack submarine force and strengthen the base's operational infrastructure. To this end, I respectfully request your support for the \$41 million in the Navy's military construction budget request for the replacement of Pier 31.

I understand and appreciate the fiscal challenges you face this year, and am grateful for your consideration of this request. As always, thank you for your support of Sub Base New London and for the men and women of our Armed Forces.

Sincerely,

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The Honorable Chet Edwards
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The Honorable Zach Wamp
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1016 Longworth House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Edwards and Ranking Member Wamp:

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