

TAKE ACTION



As a constituent and representative of the Aircraft Carrier Industrial Base Coalition (ACIBC), I respectfully request that you:

- ★ **Support the President's Budget request for the Carrier Replacement Program by authorizing and appropriating \$998 million for construction of *Enterprise* (CVN 80); \$1,646 million for construction of *USS Doris Miller* (CVN 81); \$155 million for outfitting of *USS Gerald R. Ford* (CVN 78) and *John F. Kennedy* (CVN 79); and, \$71 million for completion of CVN 79 in FY 2021**

The best approach to continue reducing the cost of the *Ford*-class is to employ a multi-ship procurement strategy with ship construction commencing on four-year intervals. This approach will maximize the material procurement savings benefit through economic order quantity (EOQ) procurement of material and supplies, improve industrial base stability and efficiency and provide labor stability and associated efficiencies.

- ★ **Support the President's Budget request for Aircraft Carrier Research and Development (R&D) by authorizing and appropriating \$108 million funding for the *Ford*-class aircraft carrier program (CVN 78-80); \$23 million funding for *Enterprise's* (CVN 80) Total Ship Integration; and, \$15 million funding for *John F. Kennedy's* (CVN 79) Total Ship Integration**

This funding is used to develop aircraft carrier specific technologies with emphasis toward significant improvements in *Ford*-class affordability, reduced manpower, enhanced survivability and greater operational capability. This is accomplished through engineering support, programmatic support, logistics support, modeling and simulation, test and evaluation, manpower and related studies, and development of design support systems such as Integrated Digital Environment (IDE).

- ★ **Support the President's Budget request for the Refueling and Complex Overhaul (RCOH) Program by authorizing and appropriating \$17 million for Advance Procurement for *USS Harry S. Truman's* (CVN 75) RCOH; \$1,878 million for the RCOH of *USS John C. Stennis* (CVN 74); and, \$198 million for the RCOH completion for *USS George Washington* (CVN 73)**

The RCOH program produces a re-capitalized carrier capable of continued operations for the remaining 23-plus years of ship life. Continued and steady multi-year funding is a proven cost-efficient acquisition approach for the RCOH program. The serial nature of the aircraft carrier RCOH program provides workforce and industrial base stability that generates efficiencies that contribute to strong, on-budget program performance.