

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

May 12, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary of Transportation
Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

We write to express our concerns regarding the U.S. Maritime Administration's identification of the home port as Norfolk, VA, on the stern of the National Security Multi-Mission Vessels (NSMVs), the first of which is for the State University of New York (SUNY) Maritime College. Over the last several years, Congress funded the construction of five NSMVs to replace the State Maritime Academies' current training vessels, which are nearing the end of their useful life. It has been brought to our attention that the NSMV for SUNY Maritime College has the home port designated as Norfolk, VA, despite the State Maritime Academy being located in New York.

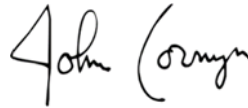
Our State Maritime Academies take pride in their training vessels. These training vessels each have the home port designated as the location of the State Maritime Academy, which represents their respective states and the proud cities where these vessels reside. We are disappointed that the U.S. Maritime Administration did not continue this important precedent for the SUNY Maritime College's NSMV. We direct MARAD to ensure that the NSMVs funded by Congress display the home port as is currently shown on each State Maritime Academy's training vessel.

In your role as Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation, we request that you promptly work with MARAD to ensure the NSMVs' home port designations are the same as the home ports currently displayed on each State Maritime Academy training vessel. Thank you for your commitment to timely and successful delivery of the NSMVs and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



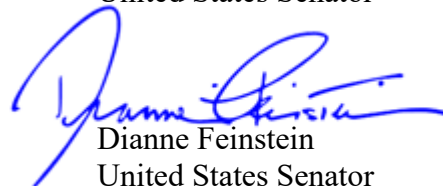
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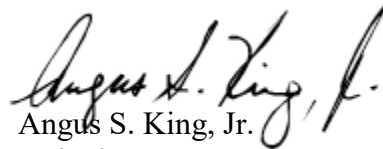
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