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September 12, 2011

Christopher Cannon  
Director of Environmental Management  
Port of Los Angeles  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dear Mr. Cannon:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my personal confidence in the Port of Los Angeles, as you prepare to address environmental concerns pertaining to the permanent siting of the USS Iowa, as raised in the port's Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (IS/NOP).

I am certain that the port will perform valiantly in identifying the range of concerns that will stem from the siting of this epic vessel. I know that as you identify issues that will require the attention of the port, your staff will move on all fronts carrying the palpable sense of excitement that this project has engendered at each step of the process.

Therefore, in addition to expressing confidence in the port's ability to identify and grapple with issues involving this vessel, it is also my pleasure to welcome news by the Secretary of the Navy, who has awarding the siting of this ship to San Pedro.

As a supporter of the USS Iowa coming to San Pedro, I look forward to hearing of your success in this IS/NOP process, and to the cracking of a champagne bottle against the bow of this ship.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roderick D. Wright".

**RODERICK D. WRIGHT**  
Senator, 25<sup>th</sup> District

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