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Mr. Robert Kent
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Dear Mr. Kent:

I write to let you know of my support for your efforts to bring the USS Iowa to the shores of San Pedro. I can think of few places more appropriate to port "The Big Stick."

San Pedro, home of Fort MacArthur, has been a place for Sailors and Servicemen of past wars to pass through on their way to deployment at home or abroad since 1914. The USS Iowa would be a valuable historical asset and help to boost the visibility of the attractions along the San Pedro and Wilmington waterfronts. Preserving her as a platform for educational and community programs, reenlistment events, and other ceremonies will do more than attract tourism – it will stand as a memorial to the men and women of the Armed Forces who have, no matter how brief the time, made San Pedro their home.

The USS Iowa is a significant piece of American naval history. I am confident that bringing her to the shores of San Pedro would benefit students, tourism and the local economy, helping not only to preserve the past but serving to create a new future in the San Pedro port community.

Regards,

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