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Rear Admiral, Ann C. Phillips, US Navy (Ret.)
Administrator
U.S. Department of Transportation
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West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Admiral Phillips,

I am pleased today to write in strong support of Inventech Marine Solutions' (IMS) application to the U.S. Maritime Administration's (MARAD) Small Shipyards Grants program.

Founded in 2014, IMS is located in the Port of Bremerton Industrial Park in Washington's sixth congressional district. Their location is within close proximity to critical naval facilities and infrastructure, including the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Naval Submarine Base Bangor, and the Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Keyport.

IMS vessels are sold to a variety of critical partners, including U.S. government agencies, sovereign nations, territories, state and local governments, commercial businesses, and private individuals. These vessels are used for law enforcement, water safety rescues, operator training, homeland security, and first response.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to tour their facility back in 2018 and 2021. In my visit, it was evident that IMS was experiencing significant growth beyond their current facility. They now employ over 50 full-time employees and are looking to hire more in the near term. If funded, this grant proposal will help IMS consolidate their activities into one location and provide the necessary manufacturing equipment to meet their growth.

It is for these reasons that I strongly support IMS' application to MARAD's Small Shipyards Grants program, and I urge your fair and full consideration of their proposal. Should you have any questions, please contact Emma Abraham in my Tacoma district office at Emma.Abraham@mail.house.gov or 253-272-3515.

Sincerely,



Derek Kilmer
Member of Congress