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Dear Shipbuilders:

This is an important week for shipbuilding. On Monday, we celebrated the 133rd anniversary of our company's founding. As our anniversary week comes to a close, I can think of no better way to commemorate it than to share very exciting and historic news with you. Today, the Navy has awarded NNS the contract for the aircraft carriers *Enterprise* (CVN 80) and the yet to be named CVN 81. A two-ship aircraft carrier contract is a huge accomplishment – the likes of which we haven't seen in 30 years. I would like to thank the team that has worked tirelessly over the past year to make it a reality. You have made a real difference and I am very proud of you all.

Today's announcement is a triumphant step toward returning to a 12-ship aircraft carrier fleet and building the 355-ship Navy our nation needs. Most importantly for us, it provides stability into the year 2032 for our workforce and for our supplier businesses across the United States.

The last time we signed a contract with the Navy to purchase two aircraft carriers was on June 30, 1988 for the *John C. Stennis* (CVN 74) and *Harry S. Truman* (CVN 75). Here is what Ed Campbell, then president and CEO of NNS, had to say about the deal:

*"I view this as a vote of confidence by Congress and the Navy in Newport News Shipbuilding's ability to build superb ships. We are a company that has learned from the past, readily adapts to new technologies and rises to the challenges of the future."*

His words still ring true today. I cannot help but wonder if he and other shipbuilders back then could have imagined it would take three decades before NNS was awarded another carrier contract of such magnitude. This contract award is something we should celebrate, and it is also something we should never take for granted. We have the responsibility to leverage the investments we are making in our workforce, the facility and in digital shipbuilding to become smarter, better, stronger. It is more important than ever that we execute efficiently and transform our business operations so that we leave a lasting legacy of our own.

History has its eyes on Newport News Shipbuilding, and today is a great reminder that we are all part of something much greater than ourselves. I could not be more proud of our shipbuilders and excited for our future. Thank you for all that you will do to be part of the #TwoShipBuy legacy!

All the best,

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