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Attn: Commander David T. Lemly  
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Dear Commander David T. Lemly:

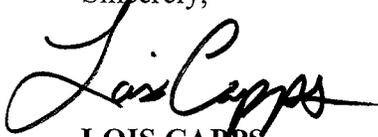
I am writing to you on behalf of the Central Coast Maritime Museum Association (CCMMA), and the City of Morro Bay, California, which is located in my Congressional District. The CCMMA is a California 501(c)3 non-profit organization that is collaborating with the City to build a maritime museum on the Morro Bay waterfront.

I am writing because both the City and the CCMMA are interested in obtaining the DSRV (2) *Avalon* for use in a static maritime museum display on the Morro Bay waterfront. The City values its maritime heritage and knows that the DSRV (2) *Avalon* would generate a great deal of community excitement and enthusiasm for maritime history and science. These maritime museum exhibits may also include a USCG 30' surf rescue boat that was station in Morro Bay in the 1980's and the 1920's tug *Alma*. The *Alma* rescued crew members of the Union Oil tanker *Montebello* after it had been sunk by the Japanese I21 submarine on the morning of December 23, 1941. Obtaining the DSRV (2) *Avalon* would reinforce and showcase the link between the City and the Navy, particularly because the Morro Bay waterfront was largely built by the Navy for use as a training base for submarine crews and other missions at the onset of World War II.

My understanding is that the *Avalon* has been decommissioned and is being stored on its land transport vehicle (LTV) at Naval Air Station North Island, on the Naval Base Coronado, in San Diego, CA. On behalf of the City of Morro Bay and the CCMMA I enthusiastically support the goal of the City and the CCMMA to obtain and display the DSRV (2) *Avalon* in its maritime museum exhibit. Additionally, I am requesting that the DSRV (2) *Avalon*, its LTV, lifting bridle, pylon assembly and other relevant accessories, be conveyed to the CCMMA as soon as possible for this purpose. Both the City and the CCMMA representatives have assured me they will assume all financial costs associated with its transfer, and that they will obtain all necessary permits from local agencies and the California Department of Transportation. Furthermore the CCMMA has a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Morro Bay outlining the steps for installation of the Morro Bay Maritime Museum and further financial matters.

If you have further questions or need additional information please contact Brenna Barber on my staff at (202) 225-3601.

Sincerely,



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