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Admiral Michael G. Mullen  
Chief of Naval Operations  
Department of the Navy  
1300 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20350

Dear Admiral Mullen:

I would first like to congratulate you for achieving your new command as Chief of Naval Operations. As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I look forward to working with you on issues important to our national security. I am writing to inquire as to the placement status of new Navy ships in the Pacific fleet, and more specifically to advocate for the placement of the destroyers U.S.S. Gridley and U.S.S. Kidd at Naval Station Everett, in Washington state.

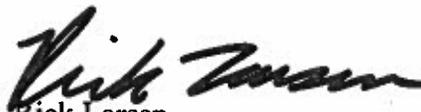
Following the release of the DoD BRAC recommendations little doubt remained that Naval Station Everett and other strategically placed Northwest Navy installations will become vital pieces of a robust military presence overlooking the Pacific.

Of all the bases overlooking the Pacific, Naval Station Everett is the Navy installation with the pier capacity most able to accommodate new assets such as destroyers. Additionally, Naval Station Everett and the Pacific Northwest provide our sailors with the highest quality of life in the country.

For these reasons I ask that you consider homeporting new assets at Naval Station Everett, specifically new destroyers slated for the Pacific such as the U.S.S. Kidd and the U.S.S. Gridley.

Again, I thank you for your consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

  
Rick Larsen  
Member of Congress