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The President  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. President:

First, thank you for your steadfast leadership and for your continued support of the men and women of the United States Navy. Your commitment to strengthening our Armed Forces and honoring America's military heritage is deeply appreciated.

I am writing a second letter to respectfully request your assistance with a matter of national and historical significance: the naming of a future United States Navy ship **USS Yorktown**.

Yorktown holds a singular place in the American story. The victory achieved there on October 19, 1781, through the combined efforts of American and French forces, secured our independence and ensured the survival of the young Republic. Throughout our history, the Navy has honored this defining triumph by naming five ships *USS Yorktown*, each of which served with distinction.

As our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and looks ahead to the 250th anniversary of the victory at Yorktown in 2031, the naming of a new ship *USS Yorktown* would be a powerful and unifying tribute to the patriots who secured our freedom. It would also reaffirm the Navy's long tradition of commemorating the most consequential moments in our national history.

I respectfully request that you direct the Secretary of the Navy to name a future ship **USS Yorktown** and, if possible, that you and he announce this decision in conjunction with the upcoming commemorations of our nation's founding. Such an action would be warmly welcomed by all Americans who cherish the history of

the Siege of Yorktown and would honor our faithful allies—especially the French—whose partnership was essential to victory.

Naming a ship *USS Yorktown* at this moment would be the **right** thing to do: the **right** way to honor our patriots, the **right** way to commemorate 250 years of American liberty, and the **right** way to inspire future generations. It is **right** in every sense of the word, and this is the **right** moment in our history to act.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this request and for your continued service to our country. The favor of a reply is respectfully requested.

Very respectfully,

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