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Via Facsimile: 202-225-3407

The Honorable Henry E. Brown Jr.
103 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515-4001

Dear Congressman Brown,

Patriots Point Naval & Maritime Museum, the leading heritage attraction in South Carolina, a National Heritage site and home to the USS *Yorktown* (the National Memorial to Carrier Aviation) and the Congressional Medal of Honor Museum, is preparing to initiate a master plan that will, when fully developed, impact the community with in excess of \$250 million dollars in business earnings, \$90 million dollars in wages, and 2,100 fulltime jobs annually. However, Patriots Point is in dire need of \$64.6 million dollars in *shovel-ready* expansion and maintenance projects which must be completed prior to moving into the next phase. These "Ready-to-Go" projects alone will add to the community \$107 million dollars in business income with an employment impact of 796 new jobs and \$34 million dollars in new wage earnings.

We would greatly appreciate your support to include this funding request as a part of any upcoming federal stimulus package.

Very Respectfully,

Hugh B. Tant, III
Brigadier General, USA, (Ret.)
Executive Director
Patriots Point Development Authority

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