

DAVID N. CICILLINE
1ST DISTRICT, RHODE ISLAND

128 CANNON BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515
(202) 225-4911
(202) 225-3290 (FAX)

1070 MAIN STREET, SUITE 300
PAWTUCKET, RI 02860
(401) 729-5600
(401) 729-5608 (FAX)



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC
GROWTH, TAX AND CAPITAL ACCESS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE,
ENERGY, AND TRADE

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

SUBCOMMITTEE ON TERRORISM,
NONPROLIFERATION, AND TRADE

SUBCOMMITTEE ON OVERSIGHT AND
INVESTIGATIONS

COMMITTEE ON STEERING AND POLICY

June 21, 2011

Frank Lennon, President
Rhode Island Aviation Hall of Fame/USS John F Kennedy Project
P.O. Box 28701
Providence, RI 02908

Dear Mr. Lennon,

I am writing with enthusiastic support of your efforts to secure the donation of the retired USS aircraft carrier, the USS John F. Kennedy, from the United States Navy. I share your excitement for the economic and cultural potential that the USS Kennedy will provide as a world class family attraction. Through your advocacy, Rhode Island is poised to benefit from an unparalleled opportunity. The vision of the ship serving as a museum, job training facility, disaster relief asset, and an ongoing memorial to the brave men and women who served our country will bring much needed economic activity to our state through tourism, attention to the marine trades, and as a complement to the other military and marine attractions and facilities in Rhode Island.

I am particularly pleased to write this letter of support because of the honor I feel in succeeding Congressman Patrick Kennedy as the Congressman from Rhode Island's 1st District. I know he felt great affinity for this project and assure you that this project can expect the same enthusiasm and support from my office.

I believe your organization is poised for great success and residents and visitors to the state will benefit from your vision. On their behalf, thank you for your tireless advocacy. I am certain the Navy will review your application in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations. If there are any additional questions or any other assistance I can provide, please contact Ernie Carlucci, my Deputy District Director at 401.729.5600.

Sincerely,

David N. Cicilline
Member of Congress