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Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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Frank Lennon, President
USS Saratoga Museum Foundation
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Dear Mr. Lennon:

I write this letter in support of your submission of Phase I documentation to the Navy for the donation of the retired aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy.

I encourage your vision of a world-class family attraction, education center, job training facility, museum, and memorial on Rhode Island's beautiful Narragansett Bay, featuring the Kennedy as its centerpiece.

I share the Foundation's enthusiasm for creating a carrier destination as part of the tourism industry here in Rhode Island, as well as combining that attraction with educational and job training assets to create a powerful economic engine for the State.

Locating this namesake legacy in Rhode Island would be most appropriate given President Kennedy's close association with this State, including his wartime training at Melville, his marriage in Newport, and the Summer White House years at Hammersmith Farm.

You and your organization can count on the support of my administration as you pursue this worthwhile endeavor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Donald L. Carcieri".

Donald L. Carcieri