



TAMMY BALDWIN
UNITED STATES SENATOR

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Mr. Chuck Goddard
President
Marinette Marine Corporation
1600 Ely Street
Marinette, WI 54143

Dear Mr. Goddard:

I want to extend my sincere congratulations to all of you at Marinette Marine on today's launch of the USS Milwaukee (LCS 5).

This launch is the culmination of years of dedicated teamwork and partnership between Marinette Marine, Lockheed Martin, Gibbs & Cox, the Department of the Navy, the Wisconsin congressional delegation and the State of Wisconsin. From the earliest planning days to successful construction and completion, this ship is a testament to the hard work and pride that Wisconsin workers bring to every job they set out to do. Further, it highlights the firm commitment of Marinette Marine and Fincantieri Marine Group to continue investment and leadership in high-quality ship design and production for our Navy. Our nation's strength and security is heightened with the addition of this ship to the Navy's LCS fleet.

I regret that I cannot join you today, but the Senate remains in session and is considering the 2014 National Defense Authorization bill. As you know, I have been working to support the construction of more Littoral Combat Ships in Marinette and I am pleased to report that I have worked with my colleagues to ensure the bill will allow Marinette to build additional ships next year and in 2015.

Please share my deep appreciation and thanks for a job well done with all your employees at Marinette Marine. I particularly want to recognize the service of Pat Armstrong, an Opportunity & Risk Manager at Marinette, whom I had the pleasure of meeting while he was deployed in Afghanistan this past May.

I look forward to visiting with all of you in the future, and to continuing to support the efforts of the LCS program here in the United States Senate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammy Baldwin".

Tammy Baldwin
United States Senator