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CHELLIE PINGREE  
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES  
1<sup>ST</sup> DISTRICT, MAINE

July 25, 2020

Brothers and Sisters of Local S6,

Shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works is one of Maine's most important traditions – a tradition that is built entirely on the skill and dedication of its workers, passed down from generation to generation.

For decades, you have supplied the Navy with its finest warships, earning your reputation as the best shipbuilders in the world. But you've done more than that. As a union, you have fought for thousands of quality jobs that keep food on the table. You have established a foundation of economic security in midcoast Maine and beyond.

This has not been an easy year. In the midst of a devastating global pandemic, you have put yourselves and your families at risk to show up and do your jobs. And now, management is expecting you to undermine years of effort to attract a pipeline of skilled workers to BIW while eroding the long-term stability of a career in shipbuilding. It's short-sighted and it's wrong. I've shared that in the strongest terms with management and I can assure you I won't let up.

I am proud every single day to fight for you in Congress, and I am proud today to stand with you as you fight for your future. I regret that I'm not able to be with you and International President Martinez in person, but I am committed to doing everything in my power to bring BIW to the table to negotiate a fair agreement.

In solidarity,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chellie Pingree'.

Chellie Pingree  
Member of Congress