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Ms. Karen Durham-Aguilera
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RE: USS Threshers Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Project

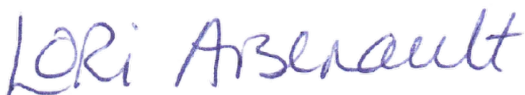
Dear Ms. Durham-Aguilera

I ask most sincerely that you approve and recommend to the Secretary of the Army, the Honorable Dr. Mark T. Esper, the installation of a privately funded commemorative monument to USS Thresher (SSN 593) in Arlington National Cemetery. Having this monument in the most hallowed ground in the United States would serve not only the families of the crew, representing not only what we and the nation lost, but more importantly, what we have gained--the hope that this need never happen again.

As the daughter of a crew member, I proudly support the mission of the USS Thresher Arlington National Cemetery Memorial Project. This monument will be designed to perpetuate and honor the memories of the 129 patriots who perished in the worst submarine accident in United States history 55 years ago during the height of the Cold War.

My father, Tilmon J. Arsenault, was one of the men lost on April 10, 1963 along with 128 other men. I was eight years old, and along with other Thresher dependents, would come to learn throughout my life that it was a significant life-changing event for people all around the world. In response to the tragedy, the United States Navy established SUBSAFE, the Submarine Safety and Quality Assurance program that helps keep our submarines safe to this day. My hope is that such a monument to honor those sacrificed will help to promote SUBSAFE practices that could be useful in other high-risk environments.

Very Respectfully,



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