

United States Senate

February 12, 2019

Dear Friends:

I commend the work of the USS Billings Commissioning Committee for its efforts to support the USS Billings, one of the Navy's newest littoral combat ships. Littoral combat ships are an essential component of our Navy fleet and vital to the defense of our nation. Montana is proud this new ship will bear the Billings name and grateful for the work the Committee is doing to support its commissioning.

As Montana's senior Senator, I know there is no greater honor than supporting active duty members of the military and making sure the United States keeps its promises to Montana veterans. That's why I am excited to see the city of Billings and the USS Billings Commissioning Committee extending its helpful hand to the launch and future success of the USS Billings. The sailors aboard this vessel are in good hands with the support it will receive from the Billings community.

I have no doubts that Billings, also known as the "Magic City," will provide the magic required to make the commissioning of the USS Billings an extraordinary event. My door is always open to you.

Sincerely,



Jon Tester