

# HII Hosts Congressional Delegation at Newport News Shipbuilding



NEWPORT NEWS, Va., June 25, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) – HII (NYSE: HII) today hosted a congressional delegation from the House Armed Services Committee at its Newport News Shipbuilding division to meet with shipyard leadership and a tour of the company's facilities.

Led by Chairman Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Ala., the delegation also included committee members Rep. Joe Courtney, D-Conn.; Rep. Rob Wittman, R-Va.; and Rep. Jen Kiggans, R-Va.

“Hosting visits like this provides an opportunity to showcase the complexity of our operations, the quality of our work, and the dedication of our incredible shipbuilders who bring their best each day,” NNS President Jennifer Boykin said. “We understand the critical impact aircraft carriers and submarines have to our national security mission, and this visit further underscores our responsibility to the Navy and

to our nation.”

During Tuesday’s tour, the congressional members saw construction progress on *Columbia-* and *Virginia-*class submarines, as well as on *Gerald R. Ford-*class aircraft carriers. They also witnessed how NNS is innovating with technology, including fixture-based manufacturing, to increase efficiencies across the shipyard. Briefings from shipyard leadership included updates on workforce development efforts and initiatives to enhance the work experience for shipbuilders and sailors, including a recently announced [new parking garage](#).

Photos accompanying this release are available at: <https://hii.com/news/hii-hosts-congressional-delegation-at-new-port-news-shipbuilding/>.

“Strengthening our naval fleet is critical for maintaining our overall military readiness,” Rogers said. “Over the past year, threats in the Red Sea and Indo-Pacific have demonstrated the need for a strong and capable naval fleet. Providing our shipbuilders with stable demand signals is critical if we want to sustain a healthy shipbuilding industrial base. On the House Armed Services Committee, we have made supporting our shipbuilding industrial base a priority as we boost our naval capabilities.”

With a workforce of more than 25,000 shipbuilders, NNS is the largest industrial employer in Virginia. The shipyard is the nation’s sole designer, builder and refueler of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers and one of only two shipyards capable of designing and building nuclear-powered submarines for the U.S. Navy.