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I am writing to ask that a fraction of my money be spent in support of a critical part of my history. Specifically, I am writing in support of the Mare Island Historic Park Foundation’s proposal to **Senator Diane Feinstein/you** requesting that she offer an amendment with the suggested title “Restoration of U.S. Naval Ships of National Historical Significance,” (notionally numbered Sec. 7317) reinstating the U.S. Navy’s proper relationship with its most important historical assets. Because the House has already marked up its defense appropriation bill I am asking that the amendment be introduced during either the House-Senate conference mark-up or on the floor.

The MIHPF is working to bring the 117-year old USS OLYMPIA (C-6) back to Mare Island to permanently display her out of water in a historic dry dock. The ship is currently located in Pennsylvania and the hull is in need of extensive repairs or she will be scrapped or sunk. This amendment would fund those repairs making the transit from Philadelphia to San Francisco possible. Funding those needed repairs through this amendment will not require that the US budget be increased by a single dollar.

This amendment offers a unique opportunity to save one of my and the United States’ greatest historical artifacts; a National Historical Landmark; a National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark; an American naval combat ship built in San Francisco; and the ship which is central to our national story for her leadership of the American fleet in one of the greatest naval battles in history. That naval battle was tipping point in the United States emergence as a world power and marked the end of the 300 year occupation of the Philippines by the Spanish Empire. This ship’s importance to the people of San Francisco is symbolized by the great monument in Union Square erected by our ancestors and dedicated by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1903.

Thank You for your consideration.