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Mr. Arthur Osborn
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Dear Arthur:

Many thanks for your recent correspondence regarding shipbuilding in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please know that I am acutely aware of the industry's condition, both nationally and within the Commonwealth. I have been in touch with officials at the Quincy Shipyards as well as with my colleague Representative Brian Donnelly (D-MA) and I am told that the Quincy shipyards are still very much in the running for a substantial oiler award. I am continuing to meet with officials at DOD and the Department of Navy in an effort to ascertain contracting availability. Please know that I will continue to keep you advised of any information I unearth on this front.

In the interim, if I can be of any additional assistance to you in any way, please don't hesitate to contact me again.

Sincerely,

JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY
Member of Congress

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Voice of Organized Labor 400,000 Strong

March 1, 1985

The Honorable John Joseph Moakley
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Dear Congressman Moakley:

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The shipbuilding industry in Massachusetts is part of both the past and present of the Commonwealth; it is our sincere hope that it will be part of our future.

The Quincy Shipyard, which recently observed its 100th year of operation, is currently closing out work on a major Navy contract. The last ship of this contract will be delivered in February of 1986. Because of this, major layoffs will begin in May of 1985. After that date, all 6,200 workers of the Quincy shipyard face a dismal future. Because of circumstances far beyond the workers control, there have been no new ship construction contracts awarded to the Quincy Yard. This means that this valuable, skilled workforce, who have provided ships for the defense of our country in every major war, will be unemployed.

There is no need to explain to you what the addition of 6,200 workers to the ranks of the unemployed would do to the economy of Massachusetts, especially the eastern part of the state from the tip of the Cape to Worcester.

It is with that in mind that we ask for your assistance in bringing a contract to the Quincy Yard. We would be glad to meet with you, at any time, to explain in more detail what the closing of the Quincy Yard would mean to Massachusetts.

Please remember, without you there will be no Quincy Shipyard. Looking forward to working with you and thanking you in advance for your time and concern, we remain,

In solidarity,

Arthur R. Osborn
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