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Dear Shipbuilders:

Congratulations! I could not be more proud to announce that in 2017, Newport News Shipbuilding achieved its safest year in recorded history. This safety milestone is thanks to the hard work and perseverance of ALL shipbuilders.

This accomplishment underscores your strong commitment to your co-workers and to our health and safety programs. A good example of this is our Safety Improvements Program. We had a goal to make 750 improvements last year, and we not only met this challenge, we surpassed it and implemented 1,178 improvements—all of which were employees' ideas to improve the worksite experience.

Your engagement and continued focus on safety has helped us create a culture that is paramount to our success, and I applaud your hard work.

As we kick off 2018, I encourage you to help us find new ways to continue this positive trend. Speak up if something isn't working, and look for innovative, safer solutions in your areas. Let's continue to work together to ensure the safety of all shipbuilders.

All the best,

Jennifer Boykin President

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