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Commander Steve Wilkinson, USN
Commanding Officer
USS HARTFORD (SSN 768)
C/O Naval Submarine Base New London
Groton, CT 06349

Dear Commander Wilkinson,

Congratulations to you and your crew on winning the prestigious Arleigh Burke Fleet Trophy. Being named the top performing command in the entire Atlantic Fleet is quite an accomplishment, one in which every member of your crew should be proud. The namesake for this trophy, Admiral Arleigh Burke, was a distinguished officer who brought honor and distinction to the many posts that he held during his career with the US Navy and therefore being recognized with this award most certainly is a tribute to your leadership and the achievements of all of those affiliated with the USS HARTFORD.

We are proud to be home to the Naval Sub Base and the submarines homeported there, and even prouder of all of the men and women that serve who are based in Groton. The USS HARTFORD holds a special place in our hearts because it carries the name of our capitol city throughout the world. Your ship and crew, in addition to being the top warfare platform in all dimensions of the most challenging operational environments, serve as excellent ambassadors of America and the State of Connecticut.

On behalf of the people of Connecticut, I extend our most enthusiastic congratulations. We are honored to partner with the US Navy in Groton and believe that the Sub Base is an important part of the story of Connecticut, particularly in Southeast Connecticut. Please pass along to every member of the crew our gratitude for their truly outstanding service to our nation, our state and the United States Navy.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor

cc: Bob Ross, CT Office of Military Affairs