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If you are opposed to basing the Battleship Iowa and its fleet with Cruise missiles aboard here in Boston (or any other city), then the first step to prevent it is to tell the Congressional Delegation, the Governor, Lt. Governor, Boston City Council members--even Secretary of the Navy John Lehman--how you feel. Without hearing from constituents, they will continue to support the proposal known as Homeport. Their addresses are on the reverse side. Following are suggested texts for letters, each addressing one aspect of this issue. Choose one or use your own reasons for opposition.

It is going to take literally thousands of letters to change the position taken by our political leaders. It can be done if you WRITE YOUR LETTER TODAY. Then copy this sheet and give it to your friends, take it to group meetings, spread the word quickly. The Navy makes its decision on the basing location late this summer.

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Dear (Sen., Rep., Gov., Lt. Gov.) _____:

I was very sorry to learn that in spite of your strong support for the Nuclear Weapons Freeze you are in favor of bringing to Boston a naval fleet with Cruise missiles. I hope you will reconsider your position. (Here you may complete the letter with one of the following points or your own feelings.)

. . . I am appalled that the leaders of our state would even consider offering our harbor as a haven for Cruise missiles. Deploying these weapons would be a unilateral escalation of the arms race on the part of the United States.

. . . Providing a base for this fleet only approves of the deployment of the sea-launched Cruise missile, a weapon that cannot be verified by present technical means and would prohibit successful negotiations of any arms control agreements.

. . . I was among the 73% who voted for a Nuclear Weapons Freeze in last November's referendum. This was not a vote for the continuation of Pres. Reagan's massive defense buildup while we wait for a Freeze to happen. In order to stop that buildup, especially of nuclear weapons, we must all do what we can to prevent it in the meantime so the possibility of getting a Freeze is more likely.

. . . Providing jobs for people of our state who desparately need them is truly a worthy cause. However, the end product of the jobs generated by this fleet would be platforms for launching one of the most deadly and destructive, non-verifiable nuclear weapons ever designed. Surely the Congressional delegation, Governor, City Council and business leaders of Massachusetts are creative enough to find peaceful sources of labor for this state's citizens.

. . . The number of jobs this fleet would provide is miniscule when one considers the amount of difficulty at the negotiating table this deployment would bring.

. . . Many communities of this nation have recognized as ridiculous the federal plans for emergency evacuation in case of nuclear war. If there ever occurred any type of nuclear accident with any of the missiles on these ships, such evacuation plans for Boston or any city would still be ridiculous.

. . . I consider this fleet to be part of the absurd plan to fight and win a "limited" nuclear war with the Soviet Union. It should be rejected no matter where it would be based.

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Addresses for Officials