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Wittman's Work on Armed Services Committee Results in More Robust Naval Fleet and New Jobs for Newport News

Washington, DC - Today, Congressman Rob Wittman (VA-01) announced that his work in 2008 to increase the build-rate to two submarines a year will result in the addition of hundreds of [new jobs to the Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipyard](#).

"I am honored to support our service men and women and our shipbuilders, and to advocate for a more robust naval fleet. Over two years ago, I worked to include a provision in the FY2009 National Defense Authorization Bill to enable the Navy to start building two Virginia Class Submarines per year in 2011, and that provision has now come to fruition," Wittman said.

"I am pleased to see that the requirement to build two submarines per year has resulted in increased infrastructure and the addition of hundreds of new jobs to the Northrop Grumman Newport News Shipyard. During this tough economic climate and these tight fiscal times, these jobs are a win for the folks of the Hampton Roads region, and for the American taxpayers," Wittman noted.

Wittman continued, "Our campaign will continue to focus on the issues that are important to all Virginians - job creation and a thriving economy. While this announcement is exciting and a step in the right direction, we have a long way to go and I am asking the people of the Virginia's First District to join my campaign leading up to the November election and send me back to Washington to continue working for them."

As Co-Chair of the Congressional Shipbuilding Caucus, Wittman has quickly earned a reputation in Congress as an advocate for a robust naval fleet and for domestic shipbuilding.

Congressman Rob Wittman represents the First District of Virginia. He was elected to his first full term in November 2008 and serves on the Natural Resources Committee and the Armed Services Committee where he is the Ranking Member of the Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee.

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