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WASHINGTON, D C -- Today Congressman Kika de la Garza sent a strongly-worded telegram to President George Bush regarding the Defense Department's proposed cut in funds for the U S Navy's homeport facility at Ingleside, Texas. In the telegram, Rep de la Garza requested a personal meeting with the President so that the matter could be discussed.

Four years ago the Navy decided to berth the battleship USS WISCONSIN, the carrier USS LEXINGTON and other ships at Ingleside. At the same time, the State of Texas and local Gulf Coast communities committed some \$50 million to deepen the ship channel and for other necessary improvements.

"Now, the clear implication from the Defense Department is that Ingleside is on the hit list of bases to be closed," Rep de la Garza said, "and this comes after the Navy itself has spent almost \$100 million, with much of the construction almost completed."

The Ingleside port was to have opened officially in 1991, and many businesses have spent additional millions in anticipation of the fleet's arrival.

"I will continue my fight and bend every effort to see that Naval Station Ingleside becomes a reality," the South Texas Congressman said.

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