

## Maine Delegation Expresses Support for Workers At Bath Iron Works

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&ldquo;We are deeply disappointed that Bath Iron Works has announced these layoffs and our thoughts are with dedicated workers and their families who may be adversely affected. Bath-built is truly best built and it is distressing that these talented and hardworking employees are losing their jobs through no fault of their own. These will be unfortunate job losses during already tumultuous economic times. We will work together, with those at the state and local level, to do everything possible to help these workers and their families get the assistance they need. In addition, we are hopeful that the company says it will work to place as many workers in other jobs and hopes to recall as many employees as possible as work progresses on the DDG-1000,&rdquo; said Snowe, Collins, Michaud, and Pingree in a joint statement.

Last month, Senators Snowe and Collins and Representative Michaud wrote to President-elect Barack Obama urging his Administration to support robust shipbuilding policies that would both support the U.S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Coast Guard and re-energize commercial ship construction in the United States. In addition, Pingree spent a day touring Bath Iron Works, where she met workers and talked with company officials.

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