



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

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From: Acting Secretary of the Navy

To: Secretary of Defense

Dear Mr. Secretary,

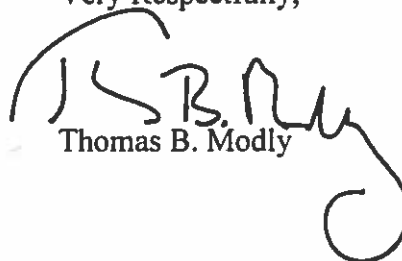
It has been the honor of my life to serve as the Under Secretary of the Navy and for the last five months, the Acting Secretary of the Navy. I am thankful for the confidence both you and President Trump have expressed in me to discharge these weighty duties on behalf of our Sailors, Marines, and the American people.

More than anything, I owe every member of the Navy and Marine Corps team a lifetime of gratitude for the opportunity to serve for them, and with them, once again. They are the reason why I will forever remain inspired by the call of service. They are the ones who lift our nation, heal our divides, and make this country the greatest in the history of the world.

That is why with a heavy heart, I hereby submit my resignation, effective immediately. The men and women of the Department of the Navy deserve a continuity of civilian leadership befitting our great Republic, and the decisive naval force that secures our way of life. I will be forever grateful for my opportunity, and the blessing, to be part of it.

Please extend my gratitude to President Trump for nominating me and for giving me this incredible opportunity that I will cherish for the rest of my life.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. B. Modly", is written over the typed name. The signature is stylized and includes a large flourish at the end.

Thomas B. Modly