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To: Illinois High School Students, Educators, and Administrators
Subject: USS Illinois Contest

Greetings!

As Governor of the State of Illinois, I proudly join the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs and the USS Illinois Commissioning Committee in inviting Illinois high school students to participate in the USS Illinois Contest. The launch of this contest marks the beginning of the search for a crest to represent the great state of Illinois and the distinguished crew to serve aboard this new, state of the art submarine ship.

The USS Illinois Commissioning Committee was formed by volunteers from across the state and is being led by the Aurora Council - Navy League of the United States. This Virginia-class submarine is expected to launch in mid-2015 and be commissioned in early 2016. In Illinois, we value the important contributions of our outstanding service members and veterans and this competition allows students to make history by designing the ship's crest in honor of their dedicated service.

Submissions for this unique opportunity to demonstrate your creativity by designing the crest for Illinois' namesake ship are due December 1, 2014. Questions regarding the contest can be directed to the Union League Club Public Affairs Office at publicaffairs@ulcc.org or 312-435-5946. On behalf of the people of Illinois, I wish all participants the best of luck with their submissions!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Quinn". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "P" and "Q".

Pat Quinn
Governor