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Washington DC—In a letter to the Government Accountability Office (GAO) today, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter, a member of the House Armed Services Committee (HASC), and U.S. Congressman Rob Wittman, chairman of the HASC Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, requested a review of the Navy's LCS program based on recent structural failures and reported ship costs.

“When it comes to building ships, something the Navy should be able to do without major difficulty, costs are often underestimated while technical design flaws are becoming more prevalent,” said Congressman Hunter. “The Navy definitely stands to benefit from the LCS, which provides many advantages, but both the Navy and Congress cannot allow these problems to be swept under the rug and potentially carried over to the next phase of LCS production. An updated GAO review will go a long way to help better understand existing and foreseeable challenges, so that the Navy can continue doing its work of modernizing its inventory and preparing for the future.”

A copy of the letter is available [here](#) .