



## O'Rourke's Peace Navy

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After a successful trip across the shallow Rio Grande to Ciudad Juarez, Former Rep. Robert Francis O'Rourke (D-TX), better known as 'Beto the Kind Hearted, Presidential candidate O'Rourke has turned to deeper waters and defense spending, specifically the Navy.

Mr. O'Rourke has announced a plan that he intends to submit to Congress when elected to the presidency.

He noted that rusting away, lying at anchor in Philadelphia, is the [SS United States](#) designed by American [naval architect William Francis Gibbs](#). It was built in such a way so that it could be converted into a [troopship](#) if required by the [Navy](#) in time of war.

More than half the cost of the ship was paid for by the Federal Government. Built in 1951, the SS United States was the fastest ocean liner ship of its time with a still admirable speed of 35 knots, faster than contemporary US Super Carriers.

Mr. O'Rourke said, *"I believe that an emergency equivalent to a war has confronted us. After visiting with immigrants waiting across the border in Ciudad Juarez, I realized that besides these thousands of people who have travelled thousands of miles to find hope and salvation in the United States, there are millions of people around the world in dozens of countries who would also seek refuge within our borders if only they could."*

Candidate O'Rourke explained his plan. He intends to purchase and refit the SS United States and send her around the world embarking refugees from countries wherever there is a need. He explained that he understood that this one ship could not do the job on its own, so, in the spirit of the [first six ships](#) built by the US Navy, he intends to order five more ships identical to SS United States – the remaining five to be built with nuclear propulsion so that they can traverse millions of nautical miles without the need to refuel.

"How wonderful would it be to have a ship named the SS United States, sailing around the world bringing refugees to our shores, and landing them in New York harbor past a welcoming [Statue of Liberty](#), inscribed with the eternal message of hope, *"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore."*

When asked about the cost, Mr. O'Rourke stated that he didn't know the cost, and was not concerned about the cost. *"Cost is not a consideration. When something is right morally, it needs to be done. I am sure there are those among us who would be more than happy to contribute and underwrite such a ship, but that is not a requirement."*

He went on to say that he could envision an SS Amazon, an SS Google among others. He added that, *"I can even envision a ship sponsored by a state such as California that would welcome these refugees with open arms. It would be Wonderful to see an SS California and an SS New York."*

He concluded by saying, *"While Donald Trump and the Republicans are building warships, I will be building peace ships."*