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On behalf of the Village Board of Trustees for the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York I write to strongly oppose the anchorage sites proposed by the United States Coast Guard off the shores of the Hudson River. On August 15, 2016 the Village Board of Trustees unanimously passed a resolution formally opposing this measure.

The proposed anchorage sites for ships containing large volumes of petroleum goods pose an environmental threat to the already stressed Hudson River ecosystem. Additionally, the Hudson River is heavily utilized for recreational activities, and the location of these sites will inherently lead to congested waterways causing public safety issues. Residents of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson, the Town of Cortlandt and other Hudson River towns throughout Westchester County all value the aesthetic beauty of the river and its landscape. Locating large vessels off the coast for extended periods of time will surely impact one of New York State's most significant natural landmarks.

The beauty, ecosystem and importance of avoiding the creation of circumstances which could lead to environmental and public safety issues on the Hudson River are vital to the Village of Croton-on-Hudson. It is for these reasons, as well as the concerns raised by our neighboring communities, that the Village Board of Trustees strongly opposes the anchorage site on the Hudson River. We ask that you will reconsider this proposal, and ensure any future plans do not impact the safety of our residents and the environment.

Sincerely,

Janine King
Village Manager
Village of Croton-on-Hudson, New York