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Via email: craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil

Craig Lapiejko
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Dear Mr. Lapiejko:

The City of Beacon wishes to express our concerns with the proposal to establish ten new anchorage locations in the Hudson River. We join Scenic Hudson, the Dutchess County Executive and many other local leaders in asking that local public meeting be held in order that the public can learn more about the intended purpose of this project.

The environmental impact is of particular concern to myself, the City Council and a large portion of our residents and business owners. The potential use of the anchorages by vessels carrying crude oil or refined petroleum products is very alarming. The Hudson River is home to many precious species and this project places their habitats at risk.

We are also concerned about the effect on our tourism and recreational activities. Commercial vessels located on our waterfronts will paint a dismal view of an otherwise naturally beautiful landscape. Restoring the health of the Hudson River from many years of contamination is an ongoing process. This project could potentially threaten that progress.

I respectfully request that the residents and visitor of our community are given the opportunity to learn more about this project and are afforded the consideration of being heard on this matter that directly affects their community.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any question.

Sincerely,


Mayor Randy Casale