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Anchorage Grounds, Hudson River;
Yonkers, NY to Kingston, NY

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to strongly support the Hudson River Anchorages as proposed be approved as presented in the Advance Notice Proposed Rule Making (ANPRM).

The Hudson River is a significant waterborne commerce highway facilitating exports and imports of vital cargo to the citizens of the United States of America and especially the residents of New York State. The propose anchorages are critical to vessel safety and if not approved will compromise navigation safety and our national economy. A vast and powerful river, the Hudson has long been a vital piece in our nations Marine Transportation System (MTS) serving New York State and our Nation connecting cities/ports world-wide with numerous ports along the Hudson including the State Capital Port Albany

The proposed federally designated anchorages have long served as custom and practice anchorages and now need to be federally approved to protect navigation safety when/if vessels must anchor unexpectedly due to diminishing weather/visibility, during emergencies, and/or during the winter months when mariners navigate the Hudson River predominately during day light hours. Advancing these custom and practice anchorages to Federally Designated Anchorages will preserve these strategically sited anchorages that are critical to navigation safety and trade.

New York is our home. Over 31,000 New York City residents earn their livelihood in the maritime industry. I wish to thank you in advance for your considerations to the needs of Navigation Safety.

Respectfully submitted,

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