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Mr. Craig Lapiejko
Waterways Management Branch Coast Guard First District
408 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, MA 02110

REF: Docket number: USCG-2016-0132

Dear Mr. Lapiejko,

As Supervisor of the Town of Hyde Park, I am writing to you to express my concern regarding the current proposal for anchorages on the Hudson River. As the birthplace of FDR, our community of 22,000 people enjoys the tremendous historic, recreational, economic and visual gifts the Hudson gives to us every year, just as it has for centuries.

Truly, Hyde Park's identity, history and future are infinitely intertwined with the Hudson. But, perhaps more importantly, our daily needs for basic infrastructure are met by the river that keeps giving, as the Hudson provides drinking water for much of our community, requiring us to be extra vigilant in assessing potential impacts such as those created by the increased transport of oil.

As a life-long sailor, I respect the "working" aspect of our river and realize that in addition to enhancing our community as a river town, the Hudson provides an important conduit for the goods we all enjoy. However, it is clear from all who are actively engaged with the Hudson that changes in the volume of commerce and the anchoring of vessels has increased tremendously recently and that actions should be taken to assure that the appropriate protections are put in place to address these changes.

This is specifically true for Hyde Park as we are one of the official anchorages designated by the Coast Guard. As you may know, Hyde Park is an important feeding ground for Sturgeon, and, thus, is particularly important to the preservation of this endangered species. I, therefore, request that the entire issue of designated anchorages be reviewed, including Hyde Park as a designated anchorage, to determine where anchorages would have the least impact on both human and wildlife communities. It may be appropriate to relocate the anchorage currently located off Hyde Park based on these considerations.

Sincerely,


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