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Craig Lapiejko  
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Re: Anchorages on Hudson River Docket Number USCG-2016-0132

Dear Mr. Lapiejko,

I am writing to express my concern over the new proposal that considers designating 2,400 acres of Hudson River Estuary as new anchorage areas for commercial barges along the Hudson River shoreline from Yonkers to Kingston, and proposes a rule establishing such new anchorage grounds.

Allowing anchorages on the Hudson has a high possibility of creating highly negative environmental and economic impacts that have seemingly been forgotten in the consideration of this proposal. The establishment of these anchorages will cause noise and light pollution, produce river bed scarring of delicate river bottom habitat through the use of heavy ground machinery, and congregate dangerous material, such as crude oil, directly adjacent to the shoreline. These are just a few of the many issues that cause me to voice my reservations on this proposal.

Additionally, I write to express my disappointment over the lack of time that the Coast Guard has allowed for public comment. By closing public comment on September 7, 2016, the Coast Guard has not given the public, and importantly those municipalities directly or indirectly affected, to consider the issues and share their concerns and opinions on such a serious proposal.

Again, I request a longer public comment period and look forward to working with the United States Coast Guard on this matter. If you should need any further documentation, please contact my office at (845)-623-3627 or (518) 455-2991.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Carlucci". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Senator David Carlucci  
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