October 20, 2016

Mr. Craig Lapiejko
Waterways Management Branch
Coast Guard First District
2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20593-7000

Sir:

As directed by the Village Board, I am forwarding a copy of the Village Board resolution passed at the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Grand View-On-Hudson on October 17, 2016, regarding the proposed establishment of new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River.

 Regards,

Julie Pagliaroli

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Village Clerk/Treasurer
VILLAGE OF GRAND VIEW-ON-HUDSON
VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS
October 17, 2016

Present: Mayor L. Lynn
         Deputy Mayor J. Abrams
         Trustee J. Bell
         Trustee C. Whitney
         Trustee J. Lattes
         Village Attorney J. Ulman
         Village Clerk/Treasurer J. Pagliaroli

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Lynn at 7:30 p.m.

Trustee Bell made the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Coast Guard is considering establishing new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, New York to Kingston, New York, and

WHEREAS, Scenic Hudson, Riverkeeper, the City of Yonkers, and the Villages of Dobbs Ferry, Ossining, Tarrytown and South Nyack and the Town of Greenburgh have voiced their concern and opposition to establishing such new anchorage grounds, and

WHEREAS, the proposed anchorage site abuts the main shipping channel of the River, it will increase congestion and require recreational boaters to either navigate in the main channel used by large commercial vessels or bypass the anchorage to the west in shallow waters, and

WHEREAS, large anchoring equipment used by commercial vessels disturbs bottom sediments and can damage wildlife habitats, including those of endangered species residing in the River, and

WHEREAS, the anchoring of unmanned barges will affect the views of the Hudson River and could potentially affect the health, safety and welfare of residents of the River Villages, depending upon the cargo carried by the barges, and

WHEREAS, the anchoring of these barges could interfere with Grand View-On-Hudson residents' aesthetics and use of the River, and

WHEREAS, the potential impacts of the proposed anchoring have not been fully studied nor identified,
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of the Village of Grand View-On-Hudson opposes the new anchorage of barges and equipment in the Hudson River from Yonkers to Kingston, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Andrew Cuomo, Secretary of State Rossana Rosado, Senator Charles Schumer, Senator Kirsten Gillibrand, Congresswoman Nita Lowey, Congress Elliot Engel, Senator David Carlucci, Assemblywoman Ellen Jaffe and Mr. Craig Lapiejko, Waterways Management Branch U.S. Coast Guard.

The resolution was seconded by Deputy Mayor Abrams and so carried with the following vote:

Mayor L. Lynn, aye
Deputy Mayor J. Abrams, aye
Trustee J. Bell, aye
Trustee C. Whitney, aye
Trustee J. Lattes, aye