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Admiral Paul F. Zukunft
Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard
2703 Martin Luther King Jr. Ave SE
Washington, DC 20020

Dear Admiral Paul F. Zukunft:

The New York State Association of REALTORS® (NYSAR) opposes the proposal by the United States Coast Guard (USCG) to establish new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, NY, to Kingston, NY. Docket Number USCG–2016–0132.

There have been numerous and significant concerns raised by our members regarding the negative impacts this proposal would have if approved. While we understand the importance of traffic safety on the Hudson River, we do not believe that new construction of anchorage sites for large commercial ships along the proposed stretch of river is the solution, nor does it have the best interest in mind for the communities affected.

We also believe a comprehensive environmental impact study is needed before any proposal is advanced by the USCG, specifically acknowledging any harmful impact this proposal would have on residential and commercial neighborhoods within the surrounding municipalities, both on and near the proposed anchorage sites. It should also be noted that the proposed anchorage sites are located within the Hudson River Valley National Heritage Area, which was designated by Congress in 1996 and is one of the now forty-nine federally-recognized National Heritage Areas throughout the United States. The intention of this designation is to preserve and celebrate the nationally-significant cultural and natural resources of the Hudson River Valley.

We believe this proposal is an important issue that impacts many New Yorkers and raises too many concerns, therefore we respectfully urge the USCG to withdraw its proposal to establish new anchorage grounds in the Hudson River from Yonkers, NY, to Kingston, NY.

Sincerely,

Linda Lugo
2016 New York State Association of REALTORS® President

Cc: Craig Lapiejko, Waterways Management Branch at Coast Guard First District

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