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December 5, 2016

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

Re: Proposed Hudson River Anchorage Sites

Dear Mr. Lapiejko,

I am writing to you today in opposition to the proposed anchorage sites along the Hudson River, specifically the Montrose Point location.

A business in my district, Haverstraw Marina has expressed their concerns about the impact of this anchorage location on their business and the safety of boaters traveling in and out of their marina. The Haverstraw Marina is one of the busiest marinas on the Hudson River, not to mention the seven other marinas located nearby, contributing to a high level of traffic in the area surrounding this anchorage point. In addition, the River narrows substantially at this point, creating serious safety concerns if barges are to be anchored at this location. This safety issue of the barges is of particular concern given the boating accidents that have occurred surrounding the barges used for the building of the New NY Bridge.

Additionally, there are concerns over the impact these barges may pose on the ecological system located in the Haverstraw Bay. There is a large fish and wildlife population located in and around this area of the river that may be adversely affected by the anchorages and the equipment used in the establishment thereof.

I strongly urge you to reconsider the Montrose Point proposed anchorage site due to the high level of recreational and commercial boating in that area and the resulting safety issues anchoring barges would present. Please feel free to contact my office with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Kenneth P. Zebrowski
Member of Assembly