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RDML Steven D. Poulin, District Commander
United States Coast Guard, First Coast Guard District
408 Atlantic Avenue
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Hudson River Barge Moorage
Docket No. USCG-2016-0132

Dear Commander Poulin:

On behalf of the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Village of Briarcliff Manor, I wish to confirm Briarcliff Manor's total opposition to any plans to grant governmental permits to moor fuel oil barges in the Hudson River.

It goes without saying that you have been in receipt of many letters from many other municipalities all outlining their various and shared concerns regarding heightened risks that the potential mooring of barges could cause. Setting aside the very historic and scenic nature of the Hudson River, as a non-negotiable issue, we all are fully aware of the environmental concerns once voiced that we are all still living with.

For those of us long time Hudson River residents, it wasn't all that long ago that the General Electric's careless dumping of PCB's in the Hudson River occurred. Fast forward to this day, the cleanup continues and the aftereffects uncalculated. Let's exhibit the foresight to take action now so that we or our children do not have to witness remediation in the future.

Count Briarcliff Manor as fully supportive to ban fuel barge mooring in the Hudson River.

Sincerely,

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Cc: VBM, Mayor and Board of Trustees