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The Honorable Charles E. Schumer  
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The Honorable Kirsten E. Gillibrand  
United States Senate  
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The Honorable Nita M. Lowey  
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Dear Honorable Senator Schumer, Honorable Senator Gillibrand and Honorable Congresswoman Lowey:

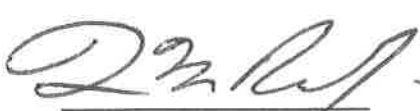
The Coast Guard has proposed the creation of new anchorage sites on the Hudson River for vessels carrying oil to refineries south of Westchester County (the "Proposal"). The Proposal would create ten anchorage sites for up to 43 oil vessels between the City of Yonkers and Ulster County. Under the Proposal, nearly 1,000 acres of the Hudson River would be used as anchorage sites in Westchester County alone.

Congress designated the Hudson River Valley as a National Heritage area in 1996. The anchorage sites proposal is irreconcilable with the adopted Hudson River Valley National Area National Heritage Area Management Plan approved by the United States Secretary of the Interior. Numerous identified impacts exist, including the potential for harm to the Hudson River bottom habitat, harm to protected species, impact on the value of waterfront property, reduction in tourism-related activity along the waterfront, loss of tax revenue, hazards to recreational boaters, the presence of volatile cargo, and the placement of a potential terrorist targets adjacent to significant populations. The proposal is in direct conflict with fifty years of significant effort to clean up the Hudson River and restore its natural habitats by all levels of government and numerous regional and community based organizations.

Environmental and civic groups including, Clearwater, the League of Conservation Voters, Riverkeeper, Scenic Hudson and municipalities located along the Hudson have already voiced their concern and opposition to this proposal.

We, the undersigned, oppose the adoption of U.S. Coast Guard proposed rule 2016-0132 for the reasons cited above.

Sincerely,

  
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Thomas M. Roach, Mayor  
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Hon. John Kirkpatrick  
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Hon. John M. Martin  
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Hon. Beth Smayda