

July 27, 2020 Matthew T. Bell, Jr. Rear Admiral United States Coast Guard Commander 17th Coast Guard District Re Support for docket number: SCG-2020-0188 Dear Admiral Bell, On behalf of the Alaska Chamber, I would like to express our support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC). As you know, the CIRCAC was created by the Oil Spill Pollution Act of 1990 to provide citizens an advisory and oversight role in the activities of the oil industry. Since its inception, we have valued the organization's ability to represent and form partnerships with a diverse group of stakeholders whom have a broad range of interests, much like our own. We understand the complexities and applaud the CIRCAC for continuing to maintain valuable, open, and collaborative communications with locals, industry, and government officials. The Alaska Chamber would support a U.S. Coast Guard decision to recertify CIRCAC, so that they may continue to expand their work to positively impact the future of Cook Inlet as well as advance our scientific understanding of the region's environment to better enable us to protect its wildlife and natural resources. Respectfully, Kati Capozzi President and CEO (907) 278-2722