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Rear Admiral Daniel B. Abel
Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard
c/o Docket Management Facility (M-30)
U.S. Department of Transportation
West Building Ground Floor
Room W12-140
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590-0001
Re: USCG-2014-0414; Cook Inlet RCAC Recertification

Dear Admiral:

I am writing to express Hilcorp Alaska's (Hilcorp) support for the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

Founded in 1989, Hilcorp is one of the largest privately-held independent oil and natural gas exploration and production companies in the United States. Following our entrance as an operator in the Cook Inlet in 2012, Hilcorp has been one of CIRCAC's funding companies. CIRCAC's role in our industry as established by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA 90) is one that Hilcorp certainly supports. In addition to their specific advisory role as defined within OPA 90, CIRCAC continues to conduct various scientific and technical efforts to increase the overall understanding of the Cook Inlet for all stakeholders. As an example, CIRCAC's work with the Alaska Ocean Observing System to develop the Cook Inlet Response Tool resulted in a resource for producers, responders and stakeholders alike.

CIRCAC works to ensure they are properly representing the diverse vested interests within the region. Hilcorp has and will continue to welcome opportunities to work together with the entire CIRCAC organization to share information that lends to safer oil facility operations and marine transportation in Cook Inlet.

On behalf of Hilcorp, I ask that you please consider recertifying CIRCAC so that they may continue their work in Cook Inlet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John A. Barnes', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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