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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 write this letter in strong support of the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (Cook Inlet RCAC).

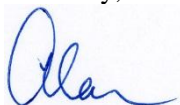
Since 1990, the Cook Inlet RCAC has worked hard to promote environmentally safe marine transportation and to prevent oil spills and accidents throughout their region. Through their outstanding work, the council has developed a solid working relationship with government, local communities, and various agencies and commercial operators in the oil industry to oversee compliance and to address environmental concerns. As a result of their many programs and initiatives and through their partnerships, they have managed to reduce oil spills in Cook Inlet and advance their scientific understanding of the region's environment.

~ **Representing Alaska State House District 35** ~

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I respectfully request the Coast Guard approve Cook Inlet RCAC's application for recertification. Thank you for allowing me to express my thoughts and your consideration of this letter.

Sincerely,



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