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Rear Admiral Megan M. Dean
Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
Attn: LT Case Kuikhoven
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709 W. 9th Street
Juneau, Alaska 99801

Subject: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Recertification

Dear Admiral Dean:

I am writing to support recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council (CIRCAC).

Established following the Exxon Valdez oil spill, the CIRCAC is a valuable advisory council. Given the devastation caused by that spill, CIRCAC has developed programs to enhance the safety of maritime transportation and oil facilities' operations to protect Cook Inlet's shorelines and wildlife from further damage from oil spills.

I believe CIRCAC continues to play a critical role in mitigating risks and conducting regulatory oversight for the safety of operations in the Cook Inlet Region. CIRCAC provides risk assessments, public engagement, reviews of oil spill contingency plans and regulations, while also developing concrete recommendations and response strategies. For these reasons, I join others in supporting the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens' Advisory Council and I encourage you to renew CIRCAC's charter.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski
United States Senator