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July 6, 2020

Rear Admiral Matthew T. Bell
Commander, 17th Coast Guard District
United States Coast Guard
709 W. 9th St.
Juneau, Alaska 99801

RE: Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council Recertification

Dear Admiral Bell:

I am writing to support the recertification of the Cook Inlet Regional Citizens Advisory Council (CIRCAC). As you know, CIRCAC was created by the Oil Pollution Act of 1990, of which I was a principal sponsor. CIRCAC provides important opportunities for local input and coordination between local government, industry and local communities.

Since its inception, CIRCAC has formed and strengthened partnerships and encouraged sound evidence based and data driven decision making to promote safety. Through this process, CIRCAC brings a varied group of stakeholders including local oil and other industry together to create environmental monitoring and oil spill prevention programs to promote the continued safe production and transportation of oil in Cook Inlet.

I encourage the U.S. Coast Guard to recertify CIRCAC and give all due consideration to renewing its charter so that it can continue to build on its work and positively impact the future of Cook Inlet.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Young".

DON YOUNG
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