



August 25, 2016

Admiral Paul F. Zukunft
Commandant, US Coast Guard
2703 Martin Luther King Ave SE
Washington, DC 20020

Dear Admiral Zukunft,

The purpose of this letter is to address the concerns of local residents and businesses related to the proposed Hudson River anchorage rulemaking announced by the Coast Guard this summer. Please allow this correspondence to supplement my existing comments already submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal. I fundamentally respect the Coast Guard's commitment to maritime safety and appreciate the open public discussion of 10 new potential anchorage sites on the river extending from Yonkers to Kingston.

Yet for this discussion to include all stakeholders, it is necessary to open up the process at the start rather than the middle. I therefore urge the Coast Guard to extend the current deadline for public comments from September 7 until the end of the year. In addition, the Coast Guard must explain to riverfront residents, recreational users and riverside businesses how it intends to assure public and environmental safety on these new anchorage grounds and what the average length of rest would be for these commercial vessels, some of which will reach 65 feet long.

The Hudson River is a finite common resource which must be shared responsibly. I am grateful to the Coast Guard for attentiveness to this issue and I remain hopeful that local communities along the Hudson River can continue their conversation with Coast Guard officials, through written and public comment, until at least the end of 2016. Thank you for your attention to this matter and your continuing service to our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Faso". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

John J. Faso