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The Honorable Don Young
United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Congressman Young:

This is in response to your letter regarding homeporting of Fast Response Cutters (FRCs) in Alaska.

Thank you for your consistent support of the Coast Guard and recognition of the services we provide in Alaska. The Coast Guard has completed an exhaustive feasibility study regarding the Alaskan patrol boat force laydown that included outreach to communities throughout coastal Alaska. Based on our study, the Coast Guard will homeport two FRCs in Kodiak, one FRC in Seward, and one FRC in Sitka in addition to the two FRCs currently homeported in Ketchikan. Additionally, our analysis indicated that the people of Southeast Alaska would best be served by two additional patrol boats. The Coast Guard will homeport a Coastal Patrol Boat in Petersburg and one in Juneau. This force laydown equates to 150% of the capacity provided by the Island Class patrol boats.

Our study uncovered the need for facilities including piers, maintenance buildings and community housing to support these cutters and their crews prior to homeport arrival. This plan requires significant infrastructure and local housing investments in the communities of Kodiak, Seward, and Sitka. I ask for your continued support as we work with the Administration and Congress to request funding, and for the support of city officials as we mutually prepare for the arrival of the patrol boats. The Coast Guard values its relationship with each Alaskan community and I appreciate your support as we continue to serve the citizens and maritime community of Alaska.

My House Liaison Office at [redacted] would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

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