Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

March 15, 2012

Admiral Robert J. Papp Commandant, U.S. Coast Guard 2100 Second Street SW Stop 7000 Washington, D.C. 20593-7000

Dear Admiral Papp,

We write in support of the establishment of a national Coast Guard Museum in New London, Connecticut. We are very pleased that you have recently pledged to work with Mayor Finizio to find a suitable location for the museum in New London. We applaud your constructive engagement in this process and look forward to seeing this important project through to completion.

Given the Coast Guard's long relationship with New London, the city is uniquely suited to house this museum. The future national Coast Guard Museum will add to the many attractive tourist destinations in New London and present another reason for traveling passengers to extend their stays in New London. In addition to honoring the important contributions that the Coast Guard has made to our national security, the museum will provide an invaluable contribution to New London's economic growth.

We thank you for confirming the Coast Guard Museum's place in New London and commend your ongoing work with Mayor Finizio and stakeholders in the city to make this project a reality.

Sincerely,

JOSEPH I. LIEBERMAN

United States Senator

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The Honorable Daryl Justin Finizio Mayor, City of New London 181 State Street New London, CT 06320

Dear Mayor Finizio,

We write in support of your hard work and dedication to maintaining the city's strong relationship with the Coast Guard. The progress made in establishing a new national Coast Guard Museum, as well as your commitment to work with the Commandant of the Coast Guard on the future expansion of the Academy, will strengthen the bond between the service and the city for generations to come. We are very pleased that you have recently pledged to work with Admiral Papp to find a suitable location for the museum in New London. We applaud your proactive engagement in this process and look forward to seeing this important project through to completion.

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