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The Honorable Mark Begich United States Senate 111 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510

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Dear Senator Begich:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports the "Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Act" (S. 2444), which authorizes U.S. Coast Guard appropriations for the fiscal years 2015 and 2016 and provides Coast Guard end strength of 43,000 during both fiscal years.

The bill would also enhance Congressional oversight over the Coast Guard.

The Association appreciates your strong leadership on this issue and stands ready to provide assistance in advancing this legislation. The FRA point of contact is John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs, at the above numbers or (john@fra.org).

Sincerely,

National Executive Director

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