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The Honorable Christopher S. Murphy  
United States Senate  
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Dear Senator Murphy:

The Fleet Reserve Association (FRA) supports the "United States Coast Guard Commemorative Coin Act" (S. 2303) that would honor the men and women of the Coast Guard and support the establishment of the National Coast Guard Museum.

Despite its significant role in our national defense, the U.S. Coast Guard is the only uniformed service without a national museum to showcase its 223 year history.

In 2004, legislation was passed authorizing the National Coast Guard Museum to be located in New London, Connecticut. Construction is scheduled to begin in 2014 and the museum is scheduled to open in 2017. This bipartisan bill would honor all those who have served in the Coast Guard by the minting of a special commemorative coin and proceeds from sales would be used to support the development and operation of the museum via the National Coast Guard Museum Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the facility and to expanding awareness of the important history, service and missions of the Coast Guard.

The Association appreciates your leadership on this issue. The FRA point of contact is John Davis, Director of Legislative Programs, at [john@fra.org](mailto:john@fra.org).

Sincerely,

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