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Mr. Gordon Thomas
Flotilla 11-10 Commander
US Coast Guard Auxiliary
1013 Tarns Court
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Dear Mr. Thomas,

On behalf of the nearly 60,000 registered boat owners in Pinellas County and the nearly 1,000,000 in Florida, I would like to express my solid support for National Safe Boating Week May 18-24 and the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

Clearwater is home to the National Safe Boating movement. The Auxiliary is a major resource in the effort to teach safe boating skills and support the US Coast Guard in its life-saving work. Here in my legislative district at the Sand Key Coast Guard Station or at the nearby Air Station St. Petersburg, the Coast Guard and its invaluable and dedicated Auxiliary stand ready to serve this most worthy cause. Without the Auxiliary's thousands and thousands of dedicated, uniformed volunteers working in education, logistics, safety patrols, and search and rescue, boating in Florida and America would be so much more hazardous an undertaking that the right to safe boating we Americans share might be jeopardized.

I am sure I speak for my constituents, whether boaters or not, in supporting National Safe Boating Week and congratulating the US Coast Guard Auxiliary.

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