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Daryl J. Finizio, Mayor
City of New London
181 State Street
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Dear Mayor Finizio:

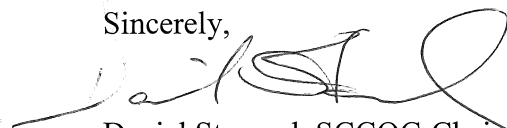
SUBJECT: United States Coast Guard Academy

At their meeting this morning, the Executive Committee of the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) requested that I contact you concerning the recent and ongoing discussions that the City of New London and the United States Coast Guard Academy are having concerning the Academy's expansion plans. As you may be aware, the United States Coast Guard Academy is one of two military facilities in the region that has liaison representation to the Council of Governments. The SCCOG has been a longstanding and proud supporter of the Coast Guard Academy, its faculty, staff, and cadets.

The SCCOG wishes to offer any assistance that it can provide to the City as it works with the officials from the United States Coast Guard in an effort to see that the Academy can grow and thrive in the greater New London region. If land in New London cannot be identified which suits the Academy's needs, the SCCOG and its other nineteen member municipalities stand ready to work with both the City and the Coast Guard Academy to locate the Academy's facilities in this region, where they have historically existed, much to the benefit of all the peoples of southeastern Connecticut.

Please do not hesitate to call upon me or other members of the Council of Governments to assist you in demonstrating the region's strong support for this institution which is so critical to our region's future.

Sincerely,



Daniel Steward, SCCOG Chairman
First Selectman, Town of Waterford

Cc: Rear Admiral Sandra Stosz, USCGA
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