

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

February 13, 2015

Admiral Paul F. Zukunft
United States Coast Guard
2703 Martin Luther King, Jr. Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20593

Dear Admiral Zukunft:

We write to express our concerns about the potential closure of the Lake Eufaula Coast Guard station and the possible removal of its Aids to Navigation.

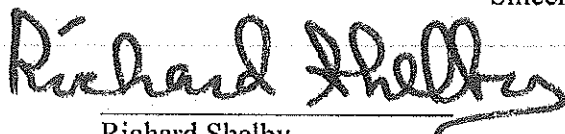
In written testimony before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Homeland Security on March 12, 2014, then USCG Commandant Admiral Robert Papp Jr. affirmed that the Coast Guard would continue to supervise the Eufaula Aids to Navigation for the foreseeable future by utilizing other Coast Guard assets in the surrounding area. It is our understanding that the Coast Guard is now considering removing the Aids to Navigation all together, contrary to the Coast Guard's own testimony before Congress. If the Aids to Navigation are indeed removed, they would have to be subsequently reinstalled, creating significant costs to the taxpayer and local community. We write to express our strong opposition to any such removal of the Aids to Navigation.

We understand that the Coast Guard has recently concluded a study on this matter and is now receiving input from the community. Please see the attached resolutions passed by several local municipalities, demonstrating the public's strong support and appreciation for the Coast Guard's services in Eufaula.

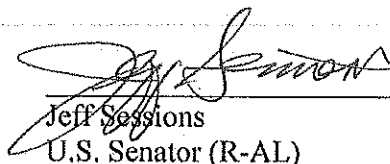
We request that the Coast Guard provide us with a detailed plan in writing on how it plans to maintain the Aids to Navigation services on Lake Eufaula by February 27, 2015.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

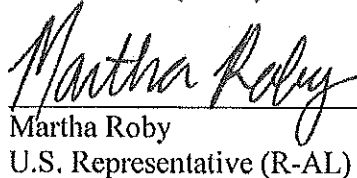
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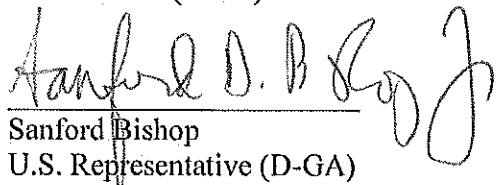
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