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Re: Support for S.2791 & H.R.2693: Ensuring Pay for our Coast Guard!

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

As a member of the Chief Warrant and Warrant Officers Association of the U.S. Coast Guard, representing over 3,300 dedicated members, and speaking on behalf of the more than 40,000 active-duty personnel serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, I am writing to respectfully request your support for both S.2791, the Pay Our Coast Guard Act of 2023, and H.R.2693, the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act of 2023.

These critical pieces of legislation are essential to ensure that members of the Coast Guard continue to receive their pay during government shutdowns. It is with great concern that we reflect on the events of the end of 2018 and the beginning of 2019 when Coast Guard members did not receive their regular paychecks due to the government shutdown. This unfortunate situation had heartbreaking consequences, as Coast Guard families relied on food banks during the Christmas holiday season and fell behind on routine bills. Despite these hardships and broken government promises, the Coast Guard remained unwavering in its mission to protect and defend our nation's shores.

The men and women of the Coast Guard, like all uniformed service members, should never have their paychecks held hostage due to political disagreements. Since its inception in 1775, Coast Guard members have stood ready to defend America without fail, irrespective of political wrangling. This issue transcends partisanship and is fundamental to the security of our nation's ports, the protection of our shores, and the preservation of lives.

By supporting S.2791 and H.R.2693, you can demonstrate your unwavering commitment to those who safeguard our waters and protect our homeland. I urge you to co-sponsor and work diligently to ensure the passage of both of these important bills this year. This commitment to the well-being of our Coast Guard members is vital to maintaining the strength and resilience of our nation's maritime security.

Respectfully submitted,

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