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### **RE: Budget Hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard FY13 Budget Request**

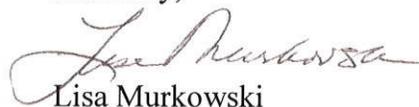
Dear Chairman Landrieu and Ranking Member Coats:

I am writing to request that you hold a hearing on the U.S. Coast Guard's Fiscal Year 2013 (FY13) Budget Request.

The U.S. Coast Guard has many important missions, and I believe our subcommittee should consider how the FY13 Budget Request helps the Coast Guard address its mission requirements. As you know, one of the areas I'm particularly interested in is the Coast Guard's mission to safeguard U.S. interests in the Arctic. The Arctic offers new opportunities for resource development and shipping routes that may reshape the global transport system. While these developments offer opportunities for growth, they are potential sources of competition and conflict for access and natural resources. I believe we should consider whether the Coast Guard has the operational resources, support facilities and the calculated locations for their Arctic and other missions, including their access to Polar Icebreakers, aircraft, support facilities and deepwater ports.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jeremy Price of my staff at (202) 224-9306.

Sincerely,



Lisa Murkowski  
United States Senator