

Dear

Our United States Coast Guard has performed admirably since its inception in 1790 and most recently during and after the Hurricane Katrina disaster.

To honor our Coast Guard, I am seeking your endorsement for a U.S. Postage Stamp recognizing the many services provided that benefit all Americans everyday.

In preparing this request for your endorsement, I have researched postage stamp history and have found that many nations honor the lifesaving missions of their Coast Guards on postage stamps. I have also found that our Great Coast Guard has never been honored with a stamp for the lifesaving, environmental, marine and security services it performs.

In addition to your endorsement, a recommendation to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee is requested (application enclosed) emphasizing that our U.S. Coast Guard has earned recognition for 216 years of service to our great nation. Your recommendation to honor the United States Coast Guard on a postage stamp would be most appreciated by the Coast Guard family.

I have enclosed an illustration of Coast Guard postage stamps issued by foreign nations. With your endorsement and recommendation, a stamp honoring the United States of America and our Great Coast Guard will be among them. Semper Paratus.