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Admiral Kevin E. Lunday
Commandant, United States Coast Guard
United States Coast Guard Headquarters
2703 Martin Luther King Jr Ave. SE
Washington, D.C. 20593

Dear Admiral Lunday:

I am writing regarding implementation of Section 7407 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026 which required the Coast Guard to coordinate with other federal agencies to review and update the Canada-United States Joint Maritime Pollution Contingency Plan, no later than 180 days after passage.¹ I am concerned that the deadline has passed without Congress receiving an update on the Coast Guard's efforts.

This plan is particularly important in light of the proposed energy infrastructure developments on the Pacific Coast of Canada that could substantially increase crude oil tanker traffic through waters adjacent to the United States in the Salish Sea, including the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, and approaches to Puget Sound. The potential increase in petroleum vessel traffic directly impacts the Coast Guard, which is responsible for maritime safety, pollution preparedness and response, waterways management and protection of critical maritime infrastructure.

I am requesting an update on implementation of Section 7407 by August 31, 2026. In addition, please provide an update on the status of the coordination efforts with all relevant

¹ P.L. 119-60—DEC. 18, 2025.

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Canadian partners. A strong partnership between the United States and Canada is key to effective protection of shared waterways and responding to maritime emergencies. Expedient implementation of Section 7407 will help ensure both nations remain prepared for evolving risks to navigation safety, environmental protection, and regional maritime security.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Matt Dwyer, Minority Staff Director, Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation, at (202) 225-4472.

Sincerely,



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