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The Honorable Joe Courtney  
U.S. House of Representatives  
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Dear Representative Courtney:

This is in response to your letter dated February 7, 2014, regarding USCGC EAGLE's temporary homeport shift to Baltimore, MD.

I appreciate your recognition of the Coast Guard's unique presence on the Thames River in Southeastern Connecticut. The Coast Guard understands EAGLE's significance to Americans across the entire country. EAGLE's service life extension project has been designed so she may continue to fulfill her commitment to the Coast Guard and our nation. This endeavor will ensure EAGLE continues to carry out her duties of training Cadets and Officer Candidates for many years to come. As you identified, the homeport shift to Baltimore, MD is temporary in nature. Upon completion of the project the Coast Guard intends to return EAGLE to her homeport in New London.

Fully embracing EAGLE's iconic historic connection, she is scheduled to have two port visits to New London during the summer of 2014. The EAGLE and the Atlantic Area staff will continue to consider New London as a port of call during her summer voyages for the duration of her temporary homeport shift.

My House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775 would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "R. J. Papp, Jr.", written over a circular blue stamp.

R. J. PAPP, JR.  
Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard  
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