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December 11, 2019

Commandant of the Coast Guard
Admiral Karl L. Schultz
U.S. Coast Guard
2703 Martin Luther King Ave SE
Washington, D.C. 20593-7103

Dear Admiral Schultz,

In October of this year, our community grieved the loss of two Martin County residents killed in a tragic boating accident in which the **boat hit a channel marker** in the St. Lucie Inlet near Stuart, Florida. Today, I'm writing to you on behalf of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners and our residents to advocate for changes to the Aids to Navigation in Martin County's inland and intracoastal waterways for enhanced safety during times of reduced visibility.

Congressman Brian Mast has championed this effort, speaking on behalf of his constituents at a recent Coast Guard Subcommittee Hearing. Please consider this letter Martin County's official petition for change, and a request for a formal waterway assessment to include a multi-day workshop with stakeholders with the goal of completing a risk assessment and forming a recommendation to be sent Coast Guard headquarters.

We are hopeful that we can work with you and other stakeholders to participate in this process to develop a fact-based solution to prevent another tragic incident in our community.

Sincerely,

Harold E. Jenkins, II, Chairman
Martin County Board of County Commissioners

cc: Honorable Members of the Martin County Board of County Commissioners
Taryn Kryzda, County Administrator
Congressman Brian Mast
Senator Marco Rubio
Senator Rick Scott