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FY2010 Budget and Posture Statement

To the Men and Women of the United States Coast Guard:

Today the President transmitted to Congress the Coast Guard's Fiscal Year (FY) 2010 budget request. The budget request seeks resources to address growing demand for services, fulfill recapitalization imperatives, and sustain the Modernization Effort to improve mission execution. The FY 2010 budget request is nearly \$10 billion and builds on FY 2009 by growing operating funding by nearly six percent; this increase will have direct and enduring impacts on front-line field operations. The FY 2010 budget can be viewed and downloaded online at www.uscg.mil/comdt.

The President's FY 2010 budget request will sustain service delivery and continue critical recapitalization efforts, enhance marine safety and security, modernize business practices, and optimize our workforce capacity. The FY 2010 budget request includes: \$281.5M to complete production of National Security Cutter #4, \$175M for two HC-144A Maritime Patrol Aircraft and one aircraft flight simulator, \$103M for 30 Response Boat-Mediums, \$7.5M and 74 personnel for marine safety enhancements, \$1.2M for biometrics collection at sea, \$20M and 86 personnel to modernize our financial management system, and \$117M for further deployment of Rescue 21. The \$10M included in the FY 2010 President's budget for shore infrastructure, when combined with prior year and supplemental funding, represents a combined \$442M two-year investment in our aging infrastructure and reaffirms my commitment to shore recapitalization.

I am concurrently releasing the second annual Posture Statement which provides a strategic assessment of factors influencing Coast Guard operations, partnerships, and performance. The Posture Statement contains an assessment of regional trends impacting the Coast Guard's operating environment. This section includes my personal observations and assessments, as well as those of field commanders, and is entitled "Geostrategic Environment." The Posture Statement also includes the Budget in Brief and links to the FY 2008 Performance Report, which summarizes performance results within our eleven missions and highlights some of the extraordinary accomplishments of our men and women over the past year.

I strongly encourage you to read the Posture Statement which is available at www.uscg.mil/posturestatement. Many of you submitted pictures and information that were incorporated to make the document a true reflection of our world class Service. Thank you all for your contributions; I hope that when you read the Posture Statement, you share my pride in our Coast Guard.

The FY 2010 budget request and Posture Statement affirm my strategy and vision for the coming year. Our future lies in a flexible, agile, trained force operating modern assets, backed by a robust and responsive mission support structure. I am committed to creating this future for the

men and women of our Service who answer the noble call every day to defend the economic, security, and environmental interests of the United States. I will ensure that you have the right resources, authorities, and organizational structure to remain “Semper Paratus” for all threats and all hazards — nationwide and worldwide.

For additional information or questions regarding the FY 2010 budget request or Posture Statement, please contact the Office of Budget and Programs (CG-82) at 202-372-3500 or via e-mail at cg82@uscg.mil.

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