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Commandant
United States Coast Guard
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Dear Admiral Zukunft,

I am writing you in regards to the USCG Air Facility in Newport, Oregon. We have been told that the USCG air asset stationed there will be removed due to budget cuts. Your command has probably been inundated by letters and petitions from those persons who utilize the boating facilities and the beach. They have asked you to reconsider your decision to remove the air asset from Newport.

I concur with the citizens that the USCG Air Facility is an essential safety component of our coast. However, I am analyzing the USCG air assets from a law enforcement perspective. Over the years, we have used the USCG air assets for missing person searches, fugitive searches, and overhead crime scene photography platforms. Enclosed is a photograph I took of the helicopter recovering a suicide victim for us. Due to the terrain, we were not able to reach the victim by ground.

I strongly urge you to reconsider removing the air asset from Newport. The Newport location is critical to lifesaving, and important in helping our City and the region provide timely responses for all other needed services.

Please feel free to contact me at 541-574-0630 should you require any further information.

Sincerely,

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