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The Honorable Admiral Linda L. Fagan
Commandant
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Dear Admiral Fagan:

Congratulations on your swearing in as the 27th Commandant of the United States Coast Guard.

You take the helm of the Coast Guard at a pivotal moment for our Nation as we combat formidable threats at home and abroad. Under your leadership, the Coast Guard will play a critical role in protecting our national security, economic interests, and democratic values. We look forward to having you testify before us about your plans for the Service soon.

By becoming the first female service chief in the history of the United States armed forces, you have shattered an important glass ceiling. Your presence as a leader will show service members everywhere that the top ranks of the U.S. military are no longer reserved solely for men.

The Coast Guard must build upon this historic moment to create an equitable environment for all servicemembers at all levels. As you stated at your recent confirmation hearing, the Coast Guard is stronger with a diverse workforce, and the people of the Coast Guard must reflect the diversity of the public they serve. The Coast Guard must ensure that women, people of color, members of the LGBT community, and other minorities are recruited, retained, provided opportunities for advancement, and protected from abuse and discrimination. We appreciate the commitments you have made on these priorities and stand ready to help you fulfill them.

Congratulations again on your historic achievement.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Bennie G. Thompson in blue ink.

BENNIE G. THOMPSON
Chairman

Handwritten signature of Bonnie Watson Coleman in blue ink.

BONNIE WATSON COLEMAN
Chairwoman
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