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Chief Richard L. Tomer,
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New York
Regulatory Branch
Jacob K. Javits Federal Building
New York, NY 10278-0090

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Dear Chief Tomer:

The Historic Paulus Hook Association has elected to add its name to the other organizations requesting a public hearing for the proposed Liberty National Marina project.

As the neighborhood association representing the historic Jersey City waterfront for over 30 years, we are concerned that such a marina will have adverse affects on the public's enjoyment of Liberty State Park.

The HPHA is concerned that safety at the existing Liberty State Park Public Boat Launch where small boats put in to the water may be compromised due to the close proximity of the proposed marina. It stands to reason that by crowding the public boat launch area, particularly with more traffic and larger boats, the risk and probability of accidents rises substantially. It is noteworthy to mention that there have been many accidents between large and small vessels, one of which in early July resulted in a death.

As an organization, The Army Corps of Engineers strives to meet the needs of the public, which is a tenet central to its mission. Yet with the proposed marina, without a public forum and hearing from those individuals who are directly impacted by the proposed marina, the Army Corps of Engineers, does a disservice to the public. To go forward without such a hearing would not only show a total lack of sensitivity, but would also establish that there is no recognition that the proposed marina abuts the ONLY boat launch in the surrounding area. Liberty State Park is a public State Park visited by millions of visitors, many who come to experience the park's unique habitat, wildlife and to gain access to the Hudson River. They have a right to weigh in on this issue.

Sincerely,

The Historic Paulus Hook Association Trustees:

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