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To whom it may concern,

The Puerto Rico South Coast Harbor Safety & Security Committee (P.R. SCHSSC) is an U.S. Coast Guard created and promoted organization integrated by stakeholders from Federal, State, Local governments, Private Sector and Academia of the maritime community. Its main purpose is to provide a venue for discussions, initiatives and to address any issues concerning Maritime commerce, national security, maritime safety, education and environmental protection.

CariCOOS has been a valuable active member of our Committee from the very beginning. Continually providing maritime data, forecasts, real time essential information, among other, that has positively impacted and facilitated, directly and indirectly, operations of maritime local, national and international commerce, leisure maritime traffic, maritime law enforcement and rescue operations, to name a few. Academia, Government and Private sectors of the maritime community have come to count on CariCOOS's assistance as indispensable.

As such, the PR SCHSSC fully endorses and supports the request for continued funding of CariCOOS as requested in their Grant request.

Very respectfully,

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Chairman

PR South Coast Harbor Safety & Security Committee