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The Honorable Elizabeth Holtzman, Chair
Judicial Proceedings Panel
One Liberty Center
875 North Randolph Street
Arlington, Virginia 22203-1995

Dear Representative Holtzman:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to the Judicial Proceedings Panel. Enclosed are the Coast Guard's responses to the Panel's requests numbered 61 and 62 concerning Special Victims' Counsel and Special Victim Investigation and Prosecution Capability.

I would like to provide a few notes about our responses. First, we provided the spreadsheets you requested, but without the names of the individuals included. We have all of the names and if the JPP staff wishes information about specific individuals we will work with them on any such requests. Second, the Coast Guard does not have specifically designated Victim Witness Liaisons nor Special Victim paralegals. Therefore we have provided no information in response to those requests. Finally, Section 573 of the Fiscal Year 2013 National Defense Authorization Act mandating creation of special victim investigation and prosecution capabilities did not apply to the Coast Guard. While the Coast Guard works with DoD personnel assigned to these duties, and, in particular, has sent more than thirty judge advocates and approximately seventy five CGIS agents to the Army's Special Victim Unit Investigation course, we do not have a distinct special victim investigation or prosecution capability. In responding to Request 62, we provided information on the CGIS agents who have sexual assault investigation training and experience, and the full time trial counsel.

If your staff needs anything further with regard these responses, please have them contact Captain Ross Sargent, Chief, Office of Military Justice (CG-0946), who can be reached at 202-372-3806, or Ross.L.Sargent@uscg.mil.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Calvin M. Lederer".

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Enclosures: (1) JPP RFI2 SVC Data Chart Tab 1 (USCG Final)
(2) JPP RFI2 SVC Data Chart Tab 2 (USCG Final)
(3) JPP RFI2 SV Prosecutors (USCG Final)
(4) JPP RFI2 CGIS Data (USCG Final)