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Statement of Carolyn Horgan 2013 President, Passenger Vessel Association (PVA) On the Coast Guard's Notice of Proposed Rulemaking on Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) Readers

Alexandria, VA - "PVA commends the Coast Guard for acknowledging, in its proposed rule, that virtually all U.S. flagged passenger vessels are appropriately secure and that an expensive TWIC reader would not add to their security."

"We note that the proposed rule would not require a TWIC reader for vessels carrying one thousand passengers or fewer or for vessels of any capacity having 14 or fewer crew members required to have TWICs."

"PVA has worked long and hard on this issue and are generally pleased with the direction of this proposed rule."

"We will continue to analyze this proposed rule and will submit detailed written comments to the public docket and will testify at the public hearing when it is scheduled"

About the Passenger Vessel Association

The Passenger Vessel Association is the national association representing the interests of owners and operators of dinner cruise vessels, sightseeing and excursion vessels, car and passenger ferries, gaming vessels, private charter boats, whale watching and eco-tour vessels, day-sailers and windjammer sailing vessels, overnight cruise ships and amphibious DUKW. PVA members operate U.S. Coast Guard certificated, Canadian Coast Guard or state inspected vessels. The passenger vessel industry carries more than 200 million passengers each year. Visit PVA on the Internet at: www.passengervessel.com.

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