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Mr. Darryl Laxson

Dear Mr, Laxson:

I extend my sincere thanks and gratitude for the services that you and your crew provided on 30 Aug 2004 to transport me from Station New York to the Coast Guard Cutter JUNIPER. Through selfless-service and outstanding flexibility, the crew of the Double D rose to the challenge to provide timely and reliable service. This allowed other Coast Guard assets to remain focused on the safety and security of the Port of New York during the Republican National Convention.

While aboard your vessel I was truly impressed with the hospitality and professionalism of you and your crew, Crewmembers George Leef, Edward Hittinger and Robert McHugh were extremely professional and absolutely attentive to their duties aboard the vessel, The helmsman, Vinny Iannuzelli, did an outstanding job navigating through the choppy waters of the Upper Bay and skillfully maneuvered the Double D while mooring at the Battery Pier and coming alongside the JUNIPER, Without the self-sacrifice of individuals like yourself and the others volunteers in the Coast Guard Auxiliary we would not be able to complete our missions. Please extend my personal thanks to your entire crew for a job "well done!"

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. A. Wil Tshire", written in a cursive style.

G. A. WIL TSHIRE
Captain, U.S. Coast Guard
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