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Mr. John G. Cardwell, RLA, CPESC
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Dear Mr. Cardwell:

We are responding to your letter dated October 7, 2014, and our subsequent phone conversation on October 10, 2014, regarding your proposal to establish and operate a water-taxi service at the base of the Main Avenue Bridge at Mile 1.01 over Cuyahoga River in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Main Avenue Bridge is owned and maintained by Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT). The proposal describes water-taxi vessels mooring inside the existing bridge protection system, or fendering, of the bridge. Based on the material you provided it appears the proposal will not include any alteration to the existing bridge protection system on the east or west sides that would permanently reduce the current permitted horizontal navigation clearances.

The Coast Guard Bridge Program would have no authority or jurisdiction for this proposal provided ODOT gives their approval, in writing, to utilize their bridge for this purpose, and certifies the bridge protection system will not be adversely affected to accommodate this plan.

Though the Coast Guard Bridge Program would have no jurisdiction for this proposal, as described, your proposal must be reviewed and approved by Coast Guard Captain of the Port. Please contact Lieutenant Stephanie Pitts at Marine Safety Unit Cleveland, (216) 937-0128, to coordinate with her office.

Please contact me at (216) 902-6087, or Scot.M.Striffler@uscg.mil, if the scope of the project changes or if you wish to discuss further. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Scot M. Striffler".

S. M. STRIFFLER
Chief, Bridge Branch
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By direction