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Congress of the United States
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Dear United States Senators and Members of Congress:

Thank you for your letter dated December 4, 2024, regarding the decision to disestablish 36 Aids to Navigation (ATONs) on the Missouri River north of Blencoe, Iowa.

After careful consideration of your concerns, I have decided to indefinitely cease all disestablishment efforts for these ATONs. My staff will review the information presented in your letter and ensure all impacts to the Marine Transportation System are captured. Additional information or materials you believe relevant may be emailed to Chief of Waterways Management, Captain Keith Doxey, at Keith.M.Doxey@uscg.mil.

Thank you again for bringing your concerns to our attention. The Coast Guard remains committed to working with stakeholders to ensure the safety and navigability of our nation's waterways. Should you have any questions or need further assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

My House Liaison Office at (202) 225-4775 would be pleased to respond to any further questions you or your staff may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Barata", written over a light blue horizontal line.

David C. Barata
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard
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