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Via Air Mail

The Hon. Bryant L. VanBrakle, Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, N.W. - Room 1046
Washington, D.C. 20573-0001

Re: FMC Dkt 02-1 5 (Passenger Vessel Financial Responsibility),
Cruise Industry Status Update

Dear Mr. VanBrakle :

I write this on behalf of Crystal Cruises, Inc. ("Crystal") in respect of the Motion for Leave to File and proposed submission sent by Thompson Coburn LLP on behalf of Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd. ("RCL"), dated March 18, 2004.

Crystal has received and reviewed the Motion and the accompanying proposed submission, and joins RCL and Norwegian Cruise Lines ("NCL"), which has joined RCL in the Motion, to urge the Commission to accept and consider the proposed submission in connection with the Commission's further consideration of the subject important rulemaking.

Respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

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