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## HR9 - HOMEPORT ICEBREAKERS IN AK

HR9 affirms the Alaska House of Representatives' commitment to and strong interest in homeporting new icebreakers in Alaska in order to better advance the strategic and commercial interests of the United States in the Arctic.

The United States Coast Guard has stated its aim to increase its maritime presence in the Arctic in order to enable the responsible development of resources, foster maritime commerce, safeguard the well-being of Arctic residents and ecosystems, facilitate emergency and disaster preparedness and response, and protect the sovereignty of the United States. This resolution would indicate that Alaska is ready and willing to support those aims by homeporting icebreakers in our great state.

I urge your support of HR9.