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Admiral Robert J. Papp  
Commandant  
United States Coast Guard  
2100 Second Street S.W.  
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Dear Admiral Papp:

Please accept this expression of my profound personal sadness upon receiving word that a brave member of the United States Coast Guard, Chief Petty Officer Terrell Horne III, has been killed in action while defending our coastline from the wave of unlawful foreign incursions threatening our way of life. Please also convey the most heartfelt condolences of millions of Americans living on this coastline to Chief Petty Officer Horne's family, to the Cutter Halibut's crew and to the USCG community.

This violence against our coastal defenders is yet another wake up call to America, sounding anew a warning that we must as a nation summon courage to defend our border equal to the devotion to duty Chief Petty Officer Horne exemplified. There was no price he was unwilling to pay to protect our nation, and we must honor him by rising in the same degree to the cause for which he died.

Every day courageous men and women of the USCG are on the front line of the struggle to restore the rule of law in the navigable waters of our nation. As the daily assault on our coastal communities escalates, the USCG stands between us and lawlessness on the open seas and along the shorelines where our very civil order now is under siege. This tragic loss of one of American's finest is the terrible price we pay to turn back those emboldened to violate our border security and threaten our homeland in desperate criminal enterprises, profiting from trafficking in drugs and human beings.

Unyielding in our vigilance against these modern day pirates and slave traders, we pause today to mourn the loss of a fellow American whose service to our nation humbles us and deepens our resolve to prevail against the perpetrators of violence and crime making landfall on our coast from the sea.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dana Rohrabacher".

Dana Rohrabacher  
Member of Congress