

October 8, 2020

The Hon. Ron Johnson, Chairman  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security &  
Governmental Affairs  
328 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Bennie G. Thompson, Chairman  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2466 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Hon. Gary Peters, Ranking Member  
Senate Committee on Homeland Security &  
Governmental Affairs  
724 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

The Hon. Mike Rogers, Ranking Member  
Committee on Homeland Security  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2184 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Re: **Seafarer Crew Changes**

Dear Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Peters, Chairman Thompson, and Ranking Member Rogers;

It is our understanding that you have recently received the enclosed letter regarding the plight of the world's seafarers and the need for U.S. Customs and Border Protection to further improve processes in order to mitigate the resultant humanitarian and economic crisis.

Our organizations wholeheartedly support the sentiments expressed in this letter. We respectfully request you take any steps possible to help tear down barriers that prevent vessel owners from safely and efficiently repatriating crewmembers at U.S. seaports.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our views. We greatly appreciate any assistance you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

American Lifting Products  
Anchorage Launch Service Company  
Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America  
Apostleship of the Sea - Diocese of Beaumont  
Big River Coalition  
Columbia River Bar Pilots  
Columbia River Pilots  
Columbia River Steamship Operators' Association  
Connecticut Maritime Association  
Corpus Christi International Seamen's Center  
Council of American Master Mariners  
Dole Fresh Fruit Company  
Energy Transfer  
Executive Shipping Svcs (USA) Inc  
GAC North America - Shipping, Philadelphia  
General Marine Refrigeration Corp.  
General Steamship Corporation

Greater Houston Port Bureau  
GSB Marine  
Host Agency, LLC - Philadelphia  
Hueber Launch Service  
Inchcape Shipping Services  
International Longshore and Warehouse Union  
International Seafarers Center of Long Beach-Los Angeles  
Interport PNW LLC  
Jacksonville Marine Transportation Exchange  
John S. Connor, Inc.  
Louisiana Maritime Association  
Marine Exchange of Puget Sound  
Marine Exchange of the San Francisco Bay Region  
Marine Exchange of Southern California  
Marine Guard Service  
Maritime Association of the Port of NY/NJ  
Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay  
The Maritime Institute of Technology and Graduate Studies  
Monroe Energy  
Moran Shipping Agencies  
The Nautical Institute – U.S. Gulf Branch  
New Orleans Board of Trade  
North American General Agents Northeast LLC  
North American Shipping Agencies, LLC  
Norton Lilly International  
Ocean Ship, Inc  
PSA Penn Terminals LLC  
Port Arthur International Seafarers' Center  
Port of Longview (Washington)  
Rawle & Henderson LLP  
Sandpiper International S/S Agencies, Inc.  
Seamen's Center of Wilmington  
Seamen's Church Institute of Philadelphia and South Jersey  
Shaver Transportation  
Terminal Shipping Company  
Tradepoint Atlantic  
Trans-Atlantic Agencies, Inc.  
Transversal Shipping Company  
United States Great Lakes Shipping Association  
Vanport Marine & Industrial  
Vessel Owners' and Captains' Association, Inc.  
Virginia Maritime Association  
West Gulf Maritime Association  
Western Fumigation