

September 13, 2021

The Honorable John Garamendi
U.S. House of Representatives
2368 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Dusty Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
1714 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representatives Garamendi and Johnson,

On behalf of the undersigned companies and trade associations representing U.S. importers, exporters, transportation providers and other supply chain stakeholders, we are writing to express our strong support for the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2021 (OSRA21) (HR 4996) which you have introduced. We believe the reforms included in OSRA21 will help address longstanding, systemic supply chain and port disruption issues which have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The ongoing supply chain challenges that face the nation's exporters and importers are having a significant effect on their economic recovery during the pandemic. While the supply chain has been stretched from end-to-end, there are systemic issues that need to be addressed in the maritime cargo sphere. For many years, the issue of detention and demurrage has been a problem leading to significant cost increases for cargo owners and truckers, many times due to issues beyond their control. We certainly welcomed the Interpretive Rule on Detention and Demurrage as published by the Federal Maritime Commission, but we need more than just "guidance" that is not being followed by ocean carriers nor marine terminals, leading to hundreds of millions of dollars in unfair penalties against US shippers and their transportation partners. The legislation will seek to formalize this rule and truly define the parameters for these charges.

Foreign markets are critical to American businesses, particularly US farmers and ranchers, with more than 20% of agricultural production going abroad. Problems obtaining ocean containers of any kind combined with difficulty securing vessel space at fair and reasonable prices, are jeopardizing livelihoods and economic recovery. The attention given these unreasonable practices and the reforms proposed in OSRA21 are critical to reversing those challenges facing not only US exporters but also US businesses that rely on imports.

The legislation will also seek to update key provisions of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act, which hasn't been updated in over two decades. The maritime transportation system has changed significantly during those decades. While some maritime transportation system changes have been a positive for the industry overall, we need to ensure the regulations remain applicable to today's reality. With the creation of the carrier alliances, contraction of the number of carriers

in the market, changes to chassis management and others, we believe the time is right for these important reforms.

We thank you for your strong leadership on this issue to ensure that the ongoing supply chain disruption and port congestion issues are addressed. This will help ensure U.S. competitiveness and continued economic recovery. We look forward to working with you to ensure passage of this important legislation.

Sincerely

Company Signatures

Accustom Brokerage, LLC

Akzo Nobel

Associated Bag

BassTech International

BBT Logistics, Inc.

Best Transportation

Bio-Vet, Inc

Briggs & Riley Travelware, LLC

BubbleBum USA LLC

Byer California

Cap America, Inc

Carbochem Inc

Dalakar Hill LLC Delka

Trucking, Inc. Delta Cycle

Corp ElliptiGO, Inc. Epstone

Inc. T/A Artistic Tile

Everlast Sports Mfg Inc.

Hapco Inc.

Hatco Corporation

HCS International

Hercules Enterprises LLC

Highline United LLC

ICE Robotics InUSA

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Brands, Inc.

Levatoy, LLC

Loftex Home LLC

Luggage Shop of Lubbock Luraco

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Gear, Inc.

Regal Lager, Inc

Renfro Brands LLC Schuster

Products, LLC Setlog Corp.

SGP Inc Signify North America

Corporation Star Children's Dress
Co.

Stork Craft Manufacturing Inc.

Synergies Worldwide Ltd. T.G.S.

Logistics, Inc.

Town & Country Living

Transways Motor Express co., Inc.

Uncommon Carrier, Inc.

United State Luggage, LLC

UPS Wausau Chemical

Corporation Wenko Inc.

WEST END Express

Xenith

Zero Halliburton, Inc.

American Apparel & Footwear Association

Trade Association Signatures Accessories Council
Agriculture Transportation Coalition
Air-Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration
Institute
ALTI

American Lighting Association
American Pyrotechnics Association
American Seed Trade Association
American Spice Trade Association
American Trucking Associations Association of
BiState Motor Carriers
Association of Food Industries
Auto Care Association
Automotive Body Parts Association (ABPA)
CAWA - Representing the Automotive
Parts Industry
Color Pigments Manufacturers Association
Columbia River Customs Brokers &
Forwarders Association
Consumer Brands Association
Consumer Technology Association
Council of Fashion Designers of America
(CFDA)
Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of
Northern California Customs Brokers &
International
Freight Forwarders Association of Washington
State
Dairy Farmers of America
Distilled Spirits Council of the
U.S.
Experiential Designers & Producers Association
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of
America (FDRA)
Fragrance Creators Association
Freight Management Association of Canada
Game Manufacturers Association
Green Coffee Association
Greeting Card Association

American Association of Exporters and
Importers
American Chemistry Council
American Coatings Association
American Home Furnishings Alliance

Halloween & Costume Association
Harbor Trucking Association
Home Fashion Products Association
Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc
Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference
International Association of Movers (IAM)
International Association of Refrigerated
Warehouses
International Bottled Water Association
International Housewares Association
International Warehouse Logistics
Association International Wood Products
Association
ISSA - The Worldwide Cleaning Industry
Association
Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
(JPMA)
Leather and Hide Council of America
Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce

Los Angeles Customs Brokers & Freight
Forwarders Association
Meat Import Council of America
Michigan Chemistry Council
Motor & Equipment Manufacturers
Association
Motorcycle Industry Council
NASSTRAC
National Association of Chemical
Distributors National Association of Music
Merchants
National Electrical Manufacturers
Association
National Fisheries Institute

National Foreign Trade Council	Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
National Industrial Transportation League	North American Home Furnishings Association
National Marine Manufacturers Association	North American Meat Institute
National Milk Producers Federation	Outdoor Industry Association
National Pork Producers Council	Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assns. Inc.
National Retail Federation	Personal Care Products Council
National Ski & Snowboard Retailers Association	Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council
National Sporting Goods Association	Plumbing Manufacturers International
New Jersey Motor Truck Association	The Foreign Trade Association (FTA)
North American Association of Food Promotional Products Association International (PPAI)	The Hardwood Federation
Recreational Off Highway Vehicle Association	The Toy Association
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)	Travel Goods Association
San Diego Customs Brokers Association	U.S. Dairy Export Council
Specialty Vehicle Institute of America	U.S. Fashion Industry Association
Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA)	United Natural Products Alliance
The Can Manufacturers Institute	Wisconsin Credit Assn
The Fertilizer Institute	
CC: The Honorable Peter DeFazio, Chairman, Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	
The Honorable Sam Graves, Ranking Member, Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure Committee	
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