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Rep. Sam Graves, Chairman Rep. Rick Larsen, Ranking Member House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee 2165 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairman Graves and Ranking Member Larsen:

The American Maritime Partnership (AMP) is the largest legislative coalition in the history of the U.S. maritime industry, representing shipping companies, shipyards, maritime labor, and pro-defense organizations throughout our nation. AMP is laser-focused on educating decision-makers and building support for American maritime's fundamental law, the Jones Act.

The primary reason for the Jones Act and for a strong domestic maritime industry is American security – national security, economic security, border security, and supply chain security. Therefore, we are grateful for your efforts as part of the reconciliation process to support increased funding for the United States Coast Guard, an agency that plays a key role in ensuring our nation's security through vigilant enforcement of the Jones Act and in other ways. American maritime is dedicated to keeping our U.S. waters secure, and the Coast Guard is a key partner in that effort. Your support for increased funding for the Coast Guard in this reconciliation process is deeply appreciated.

Thank you for your commitment to the Jones Act and to a strong and secure American maritime industry.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Carpenter, President American Maritime Partnership

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