



Realize America's Maritime Promise
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Fairness Coalition

September 13, 2013

The Honorable Bill Shuster
Chairman
U.S. House
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Nick J. Rahall, II
Ranking Member
U.S. House
Committee on Transportation
and Infrastructure
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The Honorable Bob Gibbs
Chairman
Water Resources and Environment
Subcommittee
U.S. House
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and Infrastructure
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The Honorable Timothy H. Bishop
Ranking Member
Water Resources and Environment
Subcommittee
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and Infrastructure
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Shuster and Ranking Member Rahall and Chairman Gibbs and Ranking Member Bishop:

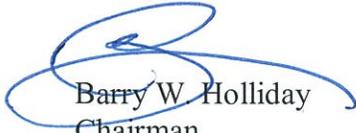
On behalf of all the members of the Realize America's Maritime Promise (RAMP), the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund Fairness Coalition, we would like to thank you for your outstanding leadership and extraordinary coordination with all stakeholders in the preparation of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2013 (WRRDA). Your commitment and unwavering effort, to ensure that this WRRDA is bipartisan, comprehensive, and sets a new standard for fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability, is admirable.

We would also like to acknowledge the outstanding work of your respective Committee staffs. Their support and willingness to consistently coordinate and communicate with our Coalition members was exceptional. They demonstrated a very high level of professionalism in their efforts to work with the RAMP Coalition, the diverse stakeholders, and House Members.

The RAMP Coalition supports the language in WRRDA that increases expenditures of the Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund, with the goal to spend 80% of the funds annually by 2020. The revenues are already collected annually, and we are pleased that you are seeking legislation to ensure a substantial portion of these funds will be used for their intended purpose.

Thank you, the RAMP team appreciates all you have done, and we look forward to continuing to work with you through successful passage of this WRRDA.

Sincerely,



Barry W. Holliday
Chairman
Harbor Maintenance Trust Fund
Fairness Coalition

HMTF Coalition Members:

A.C. Providenti
AGP Grain, Ltd
AK Steel
Agriculture Transportation Coalition
American Apparel and Footwear Association
American Great Lakes Ports Assn.
American Maritime Officers Service
American Maritime Officers, AFL-CIO
American Petroleum Institute
American Shipbuilding Association
American Steamship Company
America's Energy Coast
Arcelor Mittal Steel
Associated Branch Pilots of the Port of New Orleans (Bar Pilots)
Associated Federal Pilots and Docking Masters of Louisiana
Associated General Contractors
Association of Maryland Pilots
Association of Ship Brokers and Agents (ASBA)
BASF
Baird & Assoc
Bay Engineering, Inc
Bay Planning Coalition
Bay Shipbuilding Company
Big River Coalition
Blessey Marine Services, Inc
Brown County Port & Solid Waste Dept.
CEMEX
CMS Energy
CN

CSX Transportation, Toledo Docks
Calcasieu River Waterway Harbor Safety Committee
California Marine Affairs and Navigation Conference
Cambridge Marine Construction, Inc
Carmeuse Lime, Inc.
Central Dock Company
Central Marine Logistics, Inc.
Chetco (Brookings Harbor), OR
Chemical Industry Council of Illinois
Chicago Port Council
Chornco
Citgo Petroleum Corporation
City of Depoe Bay
City of Petersburg, AK
City of Superior Planning Department
Cleveland-Cliffs Inc
Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority
Connecticut Maritime Coalition
Collins Engineers, Inc
Coquille (Bandon), OR
Corus
Cottrell Engineering
Crescent River Port Pilots Association
Crescent City Democratic Association
Detroit Edison
Detroit Lodge No. 7, International Shipmasters' Association
Detroit/Wayne County Port Authority Detroit Durocher Marine
District No. 1-PCD, MEBA, AFL-CIO
Dock 63 Inc.
Dole Terminal at Port of Wilmington, DE
Dow Chemical
Dredge America
Dredging Contractors of America
Dredging Supply Company, Inc
Duluth Seaway Port Authority
Edw. C. Levy Co.
Ellicott Dredges
Erie Shipbuilding, LLC
Faulkner, Muskovitz & Phillips, LLP
Flats Oxbow Association
Fox River Dock Co., Inc.
Fraser Shipyards
Freeport LNG Development, L.P
Gateway Trade Center, Inc

Grand River Navigation Company, Inc.
Great Lakes District Council, ILA, AFL-CIO
Great Lakes Dredge and Dock LLC
Great Lakes Fleet, Inc. / Key Lakes, Inc.
Great Lakes Maritime Task Force (Membership By State And City)
Great Lakes Small Harbors Coalition
Greater Houston Partnership
Greater Houston Port Bureau
Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association (GICA)
Gulf Ports Association of the Americas
Gulf States Maritime Association (GSMA)
Hallett Dock Company
Hannah Marine Corporation
Harbor & Terminal District
The Honorable Helen Bentley (R-MD)
Hua Liu
ILA - Lake Erie Coal & Ore Dock Council
ILA - Local 1317
ILA - Local 1768
Illinois International Port District
Inland Boatmen's Union of the Pacific
Intl Brotherhood of Boilermakers
Intl Organization of Masters, Mates & Pilots
International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers #157
International Freight Forwarders and Customs Brokers Association of New Orleans
International Liquid Terminals Association
International Ship Masters Association
International Union of Operating Engineers
JE McAmis, Inc
Jacksonville Regional Chamber of Commerce
Jay Cashman, Inc
Jason Yellin
Jaxport
K&L Gates
L.W. Matteson
Lafarge North America
Lake Carriers Association
Lake Charles Harbor and Terminal District
Lake Charles Pilots
Lake Michigan Car Ferry Service, Inc.
Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation
Lakes Pilots Association
(Louisiana) Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation

Lower MS River Waterways Safety Advisory Committee
Lorain Port Authority
Louisiana Assoc of Business and Industry
Louisiana Maritime Association
Luedtke Engineering Company
MCM Marine, Inc
Maersk Lines LTD
Matt Friedman
Manson Construction
Marsha Cohen
Marine Tech, LLC
Maritime Exchange for the Delaware River and Bay
Maritime Navigation Safety Association (MNSA)
Maryland Port Administration
Masterpiece International
Matthew Tucker
Max Allman
Michigan Maritime Trades Port Council, MTD, AFL-CIO
Midwest Energy Resources Company
Midwest Terminals of Toledo, International, Inc.
Mike Hooks Inc
Mississippi River Maritime Association
Mobile Bar Pilots Association
National Association of Manufacturers
National Association of Maritime Organizations (NAMO)
National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America
National Mining Association
National Waterways Conference
New Orleans Board of Trade
New Orleans-Baton Rouge Steamship Pilots Association
Norfolk Dredging
Norfolk Southern Corp (coal docks in Sandusky & Ashtabula, OH)
North American Port Infrastructure LLC
NSA Agencies, Inc.
OAHU Express, Ltd
Odom Hydrographic Systems
Orion Marine Construction, Inc
Orion Marine Group
Osborne Concrete & Stone Co.
Plaquemines Parish
Plaquemines Port
Plaquemines Parish Council
Port Freeport
Port of Baton Rouge

Port of Galveston
Port of Humboldt Bay
Port of Houston
Port of Kingston, WA
Port of Longview
Port of Morgan City
Port of New Orleans
Port of Newport
Port of Oakland
Port of Orange
Port of Palm Beach
Port of Portland
Port of South Louisiana
The Pearce Group
Pere Marquette Shipping Company
Pickands Mather Lake Services Company, Inc.
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Assns.
Pacific Northwest Waterways Association
Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel
Port of Astoria, OR
Port of Coos Bay
Port of the Dalles
Port of Garibaldi
Port of Gold Beach
Port Orford, OR
Port of Oswego Authority
Port of Siuslaw, OR
Port of Toledo, OR
Ports of Indiana
Port of Victoria, TX
Propeller Club of New Orleans
R.E. Staite Engineering, Inc
Robert Y Jones & Carter, Inc
Richard Paget
Rita Foti
Rogue (Gold Beach), OR
Ryba Marine Construction Co
Sargent Companies
Seafarers International Union
Soo Marine Supply, Inc.
St. Bernard Port, Harbor and Terminal District
St. John the Baptist Parish, LA
St. Lawrence Seaway Pilots Association
State of Louisiana

Steele Associates Marine Consultants, LLC
The Dutra Group
The Interlake Steamship Company
The Port of Milwaukee
Toledo Port Council, MTD, AFL-CIO
Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority
Transportation Institute
U.S. Chamber of Commerce
United Steelworkers, District 1, AFL-CIO-CLC
United Steelworkers, Local 5000
US Steel Corp.
Venice Port Coalition
Venice Port Complex
Weeks Marine
West Creek Capital
Western Great Lakes Pilots Association
Western Growers Association
West Gulf Maritime Association
Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Co.
Wirt Stone Docks
World Trade Center of New Orleans
Yankee Marina