

February 16, 2024

President Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW
Washington, DC 20500

RE: Support for FMC Commissioner Carl Bentzel Renomination

Dear President Biden,

On behalf of the undersigned organizations representing key maritime supply chain stakeholders, we are writing to you in strong support of Federal Maritime Commissioner Carl Bentzel to be renominated for another term at the Commission.

We have all witnessed the ongoing challenges facing the supply chain over the last few years, especially the shippers and cargo owners. The FMC has played a critical role in helping the shipper community address some of these issues, especially unreasonable fees and charges.

Commissioner Bentzel has been at the heart of the agency's work on these issues. He has long been a champion of Shipper interests throughout his career. His work now on the Maritime Transportation Data Initiative will help bring more transparency and visibility into the ocean shipping industry. This effort could help provide better and more timely data to help plan and prepare to address congestion issues before they occur.

With the ongoing work of the Commission to implement the requirements of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022, we need consistency at the Commission. Commissioner Bentzel provides that consistency to ensure proper implementation of the required regulations.

We applaud the work of Commissioner Bentzel and call for his renomination to the FMC. The work of the Commission is more important than ever as we continue to witness supply chain disruptions impacting American businesses, workers, and consumers.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Accessories Council
Agricultural Retailers Association
Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC)
Alliance for Chemical Distribution
Alliance of Wisconsin Retailers
American Apparel & Footwear Association
American Association of Exporters &
Importers
American Bridal & Prom Industry Association
(ABPIA)
American Chemistry Council

American Coatings Association (ACA)
American Composites Manufacturers Association
American Cotton Shippers Association
American Lighting Association
American Pyrotechnics Association
American Trucking Associations
AmericanHort
Associated Equipment Distributors
Association of Bi-State Motor Carriers
Association of Equipment Manufacturers
Association of Food Industries

Auto Care Association
 California Building Industry Association
 California Chamber of Commerce
 California Retailers Association
 California Trucking Association
 CAWA – Representing the Automotive Parts Industry
 Chamber of Marine Commerce
 Columbia River Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association
 Connecticut Retail Network
 Consumer Brands Association
 Consumer Technology Association
 Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA)
 CSCMP-Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals
 Customs Brokers & International Freight Forwarders Association of Washington State
 Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of Northern California
 Essential Minerals Association
 Florida Feed Association, Inc.
 Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America (FDRA)
 Game Manufacturers Association
 Georgia Motor Trucking Association
 Global Cold Chain Alliance
 Green Coffee Association
 Halloween and Costume Association
 Harbor Trucking Association
 Hardwood Federation
 Health Industry Distributors Association (HIDA)
 Illinois Retail Merchants Association
 Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.
 International Association of Movers
 International Dairy Foods Association
 International Housewares Association
 Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference
 International Fresh Produce Association
 International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA)
 Juvenile Products Manufacturers Association
 Leather and Hide Council of America
 Los Angeles Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association
 Meat Import Council of America
 Meat Institute
 MEMA, The Vehicle Suppliers Association
 Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
 Missouri Retailers Association
 NAIOP SoCal
 National Aquaculture Association
 National Association of Beverage Importers
 National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
 National Cotton Council
 National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
 National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America, Inc.
 National Fisheries Institute
 National Grain and Feed Association
 National Industrial Transportation League
 National Milk Producers Federation
 National Pork Producers Council
 National Retail Federation
 National Sporting Goods Association
 National Wooden Pallet & Container Association (NWPCA)
 Nebraska Retail Federation
 Nevada Trucking Association
 New Jersey Motor Truck Association
 New Jersey Retail Merchants Association
 New York New Jersey Foreign Freight Forwarders and Brokers Association Inc.
 North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
 North American Home Furnishings Association
 North America Renderers Association
 North American Millers' Association
 Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
 Oregon Business & Industry
 Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Assns. Inc. (PCC)
 Pennsylvania Retailers' Association
 Pet Advocacy Network
 Pet Food Institute
 Plumbing Manufacturers International
 PRINTING United Alliance
 Promotional Products Association International (PPAI)
 Retail Association of Nevada
 Retail Council of New York State
 Retail Merchants of Hawaii
 Rhode Island Trucking Association
 San Diego Customs Brokers Association
 Society of Chemical Manufacturers and Affiliates (SOCMA)

South Dakota Soybean Association
Specialty Equipment Market Association
(SEMA)
Specialty Soya and Grains Alliance
Sports & Fitness Industry Association
Tea Association of the U.S.A., Inc.
The Airforwarders Association
The Fertilizer Institute
The Toy Association
Transportation Intermediaries Association

Travel Goods Association
Trucking Association of New York
U.S. Dairy Export Council
U.S. Meat Export Federation
United States Fashion Industry Association
USA Rice
Virginia Trucking Association
Washington State Potato Commission
Washington Trucking Associations