

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