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An Open Letter to President Donald J. Trump



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Dear President Trump:

We at Harvey Gulf support your Presidential Executive Order of April 18, 2017:

- WE HIRE AMERICANS
- WE BUY AMERICAN PRODUCTS, AND
- WE BUILD VESSELS IN AMERICA.

Please don't let Foreign Interests mislead you:

- The U.S. Customs Notice revoking errant letter rulings does not extend the Jones Act in any way. It just allows enforcement under the current law.
- The Notice does not address "Heavy Lift" Construction Vessels/Barges.
- The Notice was not a last minute Obama administration rule. It was the repeat of a Notice issued in 2009, when Customs first recognized the letter rulings were wrong. Customs resumed efforts to complete this process more than a year before the Notice was issued.
- U.S. Operators already have vessels to perform the work covered by the Notice.
- Development of oil and gas WILL NOT BE DELAYED.

Foreign Interests are pushing your administration to derail the 19 U.S.C. §1625 revocation process:

- This is the prescribed legal process for these revocations.
- The law on enforcement is clear. So, Foreign Interests seek to delay this process, just as they did in 2009.
- If your administration moves the revocations to a Formal Rule Making Procedure, it will achieve this goal for the Foreign Interests, RESULT IN A LOSS OF AMERICAN JOBS, and hurt U.S. Operators during this major industry downturn.

Foreign Nations have stricter laws than the Jones Act, WHICH MAKE IT HARDER FOR U.S. VESSELS TO COMPETE ABROAD.

- In Mexico, Mexican vessel operators always work first. The same is true in Brazil and many other nations.
- If U.S. operators violate foreign laws, enforcement is swift, strict, and usually involves detention of the vessel.
- Foreign countries also impose extreme import, VAT and other taxes on U.S. vessels operating abroad.
- The playing field needs to be leveled.

Mr. President, We are American. We hire American. We buy American. In keeping with your campaign promises, please support our industry like you have done with Carrier, Ford and other U.S. companies. Let us help you make America great again!

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