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**NITL Applauds Final Passage of S. 3580
Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022**

Washington, DC, June 13, 2022. The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL), the nation’s oldest trade association representing US businesses that rely on freight transportation systems to ship their industrial materials domestically and internationally, applauds the U.S. House of Representatives in passing, by voice vote, S. 3580, the Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022 (OSRA22).

NITL looks forward to this measure being signed into law by President Joe Biden.

“We greatly appreciate the bi-partisan leadership in both the House and the U.S. Senate, combined with the Administration’s active support, in getting OSRA thru the finish line,” stated NITL’s Executive Director Nancy O’Liddy.

In the House, NITL especially recognizes the bill’s original sponsors Representatives John Garamendi (D-CA-3) and Dusty Johnson (R-SD-At Large) and their staff in helping get this final passage of OSRA.

In the Senate, NITL thanks the bill’s sponsors Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) and John Thune (R-SD), and these 29 cosponsors further demonstrating the measure’s bi-partisan support: Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), John Hoeven (R-ND), Debbie Stabenow (D-MI), Roger Marshall (R-KS), Richard Blumenthal (D-CT), Todd Young (R-IN), Mark Kelly (D-AZ), Cory Booker (D-NJ), Gary Peters (D-MI), Jerry Moran (R-KS), Marsha Blackburn (R-TN), Joni Ernst (R-IA), Tina Smith (D-MN), Mike Crapo (R-ID), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), Mike Braun (R-IN), Raphael Warnock (D-GA), James Risch (R-ID), Michael Bennett (D-CO), Kevin Cramer (R-ND), Ron Wyden (D-OR), Roy Blunt (R-MO), Chris VanHollen (D-MD), John Boozman (R-AR), Alex Padilla (D-CA), Deb Fischer (R-NE), John Hickenlooper (D-CO), Maria Cantwell (D-WA), and Roger Wicker (R-MS).

Lori Fellmer of BassTech International and Chair of NITL’s Ocean Transportation Committee, commented that “Our members, like all US businesses for which the ocean transportation network is fundamental, continue to suffer under a system plagued by deteriorating service levels and unreasonable fees and charges. Reforming the Shipping Act through OSRA22 and further empowering the Federal Maritime Commission addresses these concerns and will greatly benefit US exporters and importers.”



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NITL looks forward in continuing to work with Members of Congress, the Federal Maritime Commission, our *OSRA Coalition*, and aligned stakeholders in implementing this important law. “Competitiveness in the supply chain is a crucial step toward addressing systemic issues contributing to the challenges at U.S. seaports and unprecedented disruption to the ocean shipping network,” added O’Liddy.

About NITL:

The National Industrial Transportation League (NITL) is a trade association whose mission is to advance the views of shippers on industrial freight transportation issues and advance their professional development. NITL membership is comprised of companies engaged in the rail, maritime, and highway industrial freight transportation sectors who are committed to the competitive, efficient, and safe movement of goods across the United States and beyond.