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Mr. Michael Symonanis
Acting Chair
National Shipper Advisory Committee

Dear Acting Chair Symonanis:

On behalf of the Federal Maritime Commission (Commission), this responds to Recommendation 2 from the National Shipper Advisory Committee (NSAC) submitted on August 31, 2022.

NSAC Recommendation 2: In accordance with Fact Finding 29 and the recently announced data collection initiative mandated by the Ocean Shipping Reform Act, we recommend the Federal Maritime Commission initiate the establishment of an Ocean Carrier Advisory Committee comprised of ocean container carriers serving the United States within one hundred twenty days (120) days.

Commission Response

Fact Finding Investigation 29 Final Report (Final Report) provides 12 final recommendations for potential Commission action.¹ Recommendation No. 9 calls for a new National Seaport, Marine Terminal, and Ocean Carrier Advisory Committee. That advisory committee would provide advice to the Commission from the perspective of ports, marine terminal operators, and ocean common carriers.

The Commission will take the recommendation made by the Fact Finding Officer and the NSAC to establish a second advisory committee under advisement as it examines all recommendations from the Final Report for potential future actions. The Commission will provide an update to the NSAC if it takes any actions related to this recommendation.

Thank you for sharing this recommendation of the NSAC. Per the requirements set forth in legislation establishing the NSAC, these recommendations will be published on the Commission website and will be submitted to the appropriate Congressional committees. Please direct any questions regarding this response to the NSAC Designated Federal Officer.

Sincerely,

William Cody
Secretary

¹ Fact Finding Investigation 29 Final Report, *Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the U.S. International Ocean Supply Chain: Stakeholder Engagement and Possible Violations of 46 U.S.C. 41102(c)* at 37 (May 31, 2022), available at: <https://www.fmc.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/FactFinding29FinalReport.pdf>.