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Section 27 of the Merchant Marine Act of 1920, commonly known as the Jones Act, supports a vibrant domestic maritime industry that propels America's economy and keeps our country safe and secure. Today, more than 40,000 American-owned vessels built in American shipyards and crewed by American mariners move agricultural goods, petroleum, coal, natural gas, chemicals and other essential commodities safely and efficiently along our rivers and coasts. Driven by the Jones Act, the domestic maritime industry supports nearly 500,000 family-wage jobs and almost \$100 billion in economic output.

Waterborne commerce and our nation's maritime industrial base are important to America's economy, security and quality of life. The Jones Act supports these national imperatives by requiring that vessels moving cargo between U.S. ports be owned by American companies, crewed by American mariners, and built in American shipyards.

TRANSPORTING AMERICA'S ENERGY

The Jones Act moves America's crude oil and refined petroleum products efficiently and competitively. American vessel owners have made major investments to meet the increased demand for safe, reliable waterborne transportation services. By the end of 2017, nearly 16 million barrels of new capacity will have been delivered since the surge in tanker and tank barge construction began in 2013. U.S.-flag vessels play a crucial part in the nation's upstream-to-downstream energy supply chain.

VITAL TO NATIONAL AND HOMELAND SECURITY

The impact of the Jones Act on U.S. national and homeland security is as significant as its economic impact. This year, both Adm. Paul Zukunft, Commandant of the U.S. Coast Guard, and Lt. Gen. Stephen Lyon, commander of the U.S. Transportation Command, have made strong statements about the essential support role American vessels and mariners play in maintaining military sealift abroad and ensuring the safety and security of our waterways at home.

PROVIDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR AMERICANS

The Jones Act delivers on the American dream, offering a genuine ladder of economic opportunity for American men and women, including veterans, in a profession that rewards hard work and dedication. The Jones Act ensures that high quality maritime jobs that enable Americans to improve their lives and those of their families cannot be outsourced to foreign workers.

The Jones Act is the engine that will power a robust domestic maritime industry for generations to come, fueling our nation's economy, supporting U.S. national and homeland security and providing family-wage jobs for Americans.
Support the Jones Act and oppose misguided attempts to weaken this vital American security law!