

Dear _____:

It is urgent that (state, city, or other government body) ensure the free passage of maritime transportation workers to and from their workplaces during the COVID-19 pandemic and response. Guidance from the Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency states:

"If you work in a critical infrastructure industry, as defined by the Department of Homeland Security, . . . you have a special responsibility to maintain your normal work schedule."

In particular, the DHS guidance designates "maritime transportation workers – port workers, mariners, equipment operators," as well as "employees who repair and maintain... marine vessels and the equipment and infrastructure that enables operations that encompass movement of cargo and passengers," as essential critical infrastructure workers.

Companies involved in the domestic maritime transportation industry continue to implement CDC recommendations, institute best practices, and work closely with the U.S. Coast Guard to contain the spread of COVID-19.

We ask (Governor xxx, Mayor yy, etc.) to ensure the free passage of critical transportation infrastructure employees to ensure the economic security of our nation.

Attachment: *Memorandum on Identification of Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers During COVID-19 Response.*