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### **AWO Praises Confirmation of Chip Jaenichen as Maritime Administrator**

ARLINGTON, VA – The American Waterways Operators, a 350-member trade association representing the U.S. tugboat, towboat and barge industry, offered its congratulations to Paul “Chip” Jaenichen on his successful Senate confirmation as U.S. Maritime Administrator.

“Administrator Jaenichen has shown tremendous leadership in his role as Acting Administrator and AWO members are very pleased that he has been confirmed by the Senate to lead the Maritime Administration,” said Jennifer Carpenter, AWO’s Executive Vice President.

“Administrator Jaenichen understands the importance of the tugboat, towboat and barge industry and the vital role our members play in moving the nation’s commerce safely and efficiently,” Ms. Carpenter continued. “He is also a vocal supporter of the Jones Act which serves as the foundation for the nation’s vibrant domestic maritime industry. We greatly appreciate his commitment to serving as a strong voice for the maritime industry within the Administration and look forward to our continued work with MARAD to promote the importance of the nation’s water transportation sector.”

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