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Dear Senator:

While the Seafarers International Union of North America is already on record strongly and enthusiastically supporting the nomination of Elaine L. Chao for Secretary of Transportation, I wanted to take this opportunity to reiterate our backing as her confirmation hearing nears next week.

Our organization has enjoyed an outstanding, decades-long working relationship with Secretary Chao. She has earned our complete trust by always standing with us on our key issues, including the Jones Act, the Maritime Security Program and cargo preference. Whether serving at the Department of Labor, the Department of Transportation, or the Federal Maritime Commission, Secretary Chao has always been approachable, fair, effective and forthright.

In short, as I said upon learning of her recent nomination, I truly cannot think of anyone who is better-qualified to serve as our great nation's next Secretary of Transportation. We look forward to her confirmation and to working with her again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Michael Sacco".

Michael Sacco
President

