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American Federation of Government Employees  
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and Grain Millers International Union  
Communications Workers of America  
Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics and Allied Workers  
International Union, AFL-CIO/CLC  
International Association of Bridge, Structural,  
Ornamental and Reinforcing Iron Workers  
International Association of Fire Fighters  
International Association of Machinists  
and Aerospace Workers  
International Association of Sheet Metal, Air, Rail  
and Transportation Workers, AFL-CIO/CLC  
International Brotherhood of Boilermakers,  
Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers  
International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
International Union of Allied, Novelty and  
Production Workers, AFL-CIO  
International Union of Elevator Constructors  
International Union of Operating Engineers  
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades  
of the United States and Canada  
Office and Professional Employees  
International Union  
Operative Plasterers' and Cement Masons'  
International Association of the United States  
and Canada  
Seafarers International Union of  
North America  
Transportation • Communications  
International Union/AM  
United Association of Journeymen and  
Apprentices of the Plumbing and  
Pipe Fitting Industry of the  
United States and Canada  
United Mine Workers of America  
United Steel, Paper & Forestry, Rubber,  
Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial &  
Service Workers International Union

May 14, 2018

The Honorable John Garamendi  
U.S. House of Representatives  
2438 Rayburn Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515-0503

Dear Representative Garamendi:

On behalf of the nearly 5 million working men and women who are members of our 22 affiliated unions, the Maritime Trades Department, AFL-CIO is proud to support the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act.

The MTD represents workers who crew, load, supply and build U.S.-flag vessels. U.S. Merchant Mariners have answered America's call since the Revolutionary War.

The Energizing American Shipbuilding Act will rejuvenate a vital domestic industry. It will provide family-sustaining jobs that can last a lifetime. It will ensure the U.S. flag continues to sail on high seas.

American shipbuilding is leading the world by producing new U.S.-flag commercial vessels powered by liquefied natural gas (LNG). Decades ago, U.S. shipyards built world-class tankers designed to carry LNG. This measure revitalizes that initiative while offering new jobs to construct other vessels. And all this means jobs for American merchant mariners – the best-trained and safest in the world.

For these reasons and more, the MTD stands with you in support of the Energizing American Shipbuilding Act.

Sincerely,

Michael Sacco  
President