House Passes Bill to Award Congressional Gold Medal for WWII Merchant Mariners  
On September 19th, the U.S. House of Representatives unanimously approved Congressman Garamendi’s (D-CA) bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal, collectively, to the U.S. Merchant Mariners of World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service in sustaining our armed forces. While the legislation has been received in the Senate, M.E.B.A. members are encouraged to contact their Senators to co-sponsor the upper chamber’s companion bill, S. 133, introduced by Senator Murkowski of Alaska, to advance the legislation on the President’s desk.

If your Senator(s) has not yet supported the legislation, please contact them via e-mail through the Navy League of the United States at https://bit.ly/2ozWgLq or by calling your Senator(s) via the U.S. Capitol Switchboard at (202) 224-3121.

Cosponsors of Senator Lisa Murkowski’s S. 133:


President Trump Signs Stopgap Spending Bill to Avoid Government Shutdown  
On September 27th, President Trump signed a short-term spending bill often referred to as a “continuing resolution” that would extend both the current funding levels for the Federal government and the charter of the Export-Import Bank through November 21st of this year. The stopgap bill is intended to provide more time for House and Senate negotiations to produce comprehensive spending legislation under a bipartisan budget agreement that lifted spending caps of more than $320 billion in both domestic and military spending over the next two years.