## **ALL PORTS BULLETIN**



**To:** All MEBA Members and Applicants

Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association, District No. 1-PCD

**From:** M.E.B.A. Headquarters

**Date:** March 27, 2020

**Subject:** Department of Homeland Security's Cybersecurity &

**Infrastructure Agency** 

The 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 works – port workers, 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 infrastructure workers.

M.E.B.A. Members and Applicants are encouraged and should procure letters either from the Union, or their employer, stating that they are essential workers that will be allowed to proceed to or from his/her place of employment to ensure this critical transportation infrastructure is not impacted.

It should go without saying the USCG MMC and TWIC cards would serve to support your designation as an essential infrastructure worker but again in order to ensure any required travel or access to terminals is not impeded, members and applicants should obtain a letter stating the same from the Union or your employer.

Members and Applicants can obtain a letter from the Union by contacting your local M.E.B.A. Union official or representative as soon as possible.

Thank you.