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Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association Praises Administration's Maritime Action Plan

Washington, D.C. — The Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (M.E.B.A.) today praised the release of the Maritime Action Plan (MAP), in follow-up to President Trump's Executive Order (E.O.) 14269, "*Restoring America's Maritime Dominance*," a strategy aimed at reversing decades of neglect of the U.S. maritime industry and repositioning America's leadership as a maritime nation:

"We thank President Trump for releasing the Maritime Action Plan, a long-overdue recognition that America has allowed its maritime industry to atrophy for far too long," said MEBA President Adam Vokac. "For several decades, U.S. mariners, shipyards, and the maritime industrial base have fallen victim to unfair practices by foreign competitors, particularly China, that exploit the rules at America's expense. We believe the MAP provides meaningful, long-term solutions aimed at reversing the decline of our U.S. flag fleet and mariner pool, notably by expanding U.S. cargo preference requirements and incentives, providing tax relief for U.S. mariners, and dedicating financial investments to maritime workforce training and domestic shipyard capacity. These policies are essential to growing the U.S.-flag fleet, creating good-paying American maritime jobs, and ensuring the United States can once again compete against nations that use unfair practices and state subsidies to dominate global shipping and shipbuilding. M.E.B.A. stands ready to work with the Administration and Congress to secure a stronger maritime future and restore America's leadership in global trade and sea power."

A copy of the Maritime Action Plan can be found [here](#).

About the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (M.E.B.A.)

The Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (M.E.B.A.) is the nation's oldest maritime union, representing licensed U.S. merchant marine engineers and deck officers. M.E.B.A. members serve on commercial, government, and military vessels supporting global commerce and national defense. For over a century, M.E.B.A. has championed a robust U.S. Merchant Marine, a skilled workforce, and policies that strengthen maritime jobs and industry.

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