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Statement from M.E.B.A. President Adam Vokac on the Trump Administration's 90-day Extension of the Jones Act Waiver

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (M.E.B.A.) President Adam Vokac issued the following statement today in response to the Trump Administration's decision to extend the Jones Act waiver for an additional 90 days:

"M.E.B.A. is deeply disappointed by President Trump's decision to extend the Jones Act waiver for another 90 days. The facts speak for themselves: the original waiver has done nothing to lower prices at the pump for the American consumer. Since the initial waiver was issued last month, the national average price of a gallon of gasoline has increased by nearly a dollar. This extension is not a solution — it is a continuation of a failed policy."

"Throughout his presidency, President Trump has rightly called for putting American workers and American industry first. We share that vision. The Jones Act is the embodiment of that vision. Extending this waiver does not advance an America First agenda. It simply hands a competitive advantage to foreign shipping companies and allows them to profit directly at the expense of the U.S. Merchant Marine and the tens of thousands of hardworking Americans who crew these vessels."

"An open-ended waiver with no clear exit strategy provides no certainty for our domestic maritime industry, while delivering no measurable relief for working families filling up at the gas station. American energy should be moved by American workers, period. M.E.B.A. calls on President Trump to reverse course, rescind this waiver extension, and recommit to the domestic maritime industry that stands ready to serve this nation."

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