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Maritime Unions Issue Joint Statement Following Attack on U.S.-Flag Vessel Amid Rising Gulf Tension

Washington, D.C. – The American Maritime Officers (AMO), the American Radio Association (ARA), the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association (MEBA), the Marine Fireman's Union (MFOU), the International Organization of Masters, Mates and Pilots (MM&P), the Seafarers International Union (SIU), and the Sailors Union of the Pacific (SUP), released the following statement in response to escalating disruptions to U.S.-flag vessel operations in the Persian Gulf:

“For more than 250 years, the United States Merchant Marine has successfully delivered the cargoes essential to our nation’s economy, security, and global trade. Today, American mariners continue that proud tradition while operating in increasingly dangerous regions around the world.”

“Our unions are working closely with vessel management, U.S. military leaders, and the federal government to safeguard American mariners operating in the Persian Gulf and throughout the Middle East. We remain committed to continued coordination with all stakeholders until the safety and security of U.S.-flag vessels and their civilian crews can be fully assured.”

“American mariners deserve the strongest possible protection as they carry out missions vital to our nation’s economic and strategic interests. We will continue to advocate for robust measures that ensure the safety of American crews and vessels during this period of heightened risk.”

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