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NCBFAA Asks Senate to Re-Nominate Commissioner Dye

Washington, DC: In a letter to Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation Chairman John Thune, the **National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America, Inc. (NCBFAA)** President Geoffrey Powell has strongly endorsed the re-nomination of Commissioner Rebecca F. Dye to the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC).

Commissioner Dye's long-standing and even-handed support of the wide range of private sector industries that comprise ocean shipping is well known and much appreciated by the professionals staffing those enterprises.

"Where there are problems of over-regulation, Commissioner Dye has championed removal of over-bearing regulatory barriers; where there are disruptions in the flow of commerce, she has identified solutions and brought them to the fore; where there is need for leadership, it is this Commissioner who has consistently stepped up to difficult challenges," President Powell wrote.

Powell specifically noted her ongoing work to resolve the challenges presented by port congestion, which has been plaguing the supply chain for the past year. "A strong conservative, she has advocated solutions achievable through private industry," he noted. "Her most recent action has been to create a Supply Chain Innovation Team to generate marketplace responses through a diverse range of industry experts facing the problem of congestion first-hand."

He also cited her efforts to minimize the hugely negative effect of recent sweeping and unnecessary revisions of OTI regulations. Powell also her leadership abilities to ensure that implementation of the new SOLIS container weight requirements does not adversely affect the efficient movement of US exports.

"We are indebted to Commissioner Dye for her advocacy in support of the ocean transportation industry and we would like her to continue in this role," President Powell concluded. "Her term expires later this year and we ask that you work with the Senate Republican Leadership to accomplish her re-nomination as Commissioner."

Headquartered in Washington, DC, the NCBFAA represents more than 1,000 member companies with 100,000 employees in international trade - the nation's leading freight forwarders, customs brokers, ocean transportation intermediaries (OTIs), NVOCCs and air cargo agents, serving more than 250,000 importers and exporters. Established in 1897 in New York, NCBFAA is considered the national voice of the industry. Through its various committees, counsel and representatives, the Association maintains a close watch over legislative and regulatory issues that affect its members. It keeps them informed of these and other related issues through its weekly Monday Morning eBriefing and various meetings as well as conferences throughout the year.

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