

February 8, 2022

Senator Amy Klobuchar
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Senator John Thune
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: S.3560: The Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022

Dear Senators Klobuchar and Thune:

The Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc.ⁱ is writing in support S.3560, the ***Ocean Shipping Reform Act of 2022***, a bill to reform and improve the Ocean Shipping Act and give the Federal Maritime Commission additional tools to better monitor and reduce the disruptions at our nation's ports and protect importers and exporters alike from unreasonable practices and charges by ocean carriers. As the reliance on Ocean shipping has dramatically increased for both importers and exporters, our nation's regulatory agencies need to be reformed to reflect these changes. This bill begins that process.

The U.S. recycling industry exports approximately one-third of the 130 million metric tons of specification-grade commodities generated annually worth over \$33 billion to more than 150 nations around the world that help level our balance of trade, create jobs in America, conserve natural resources, and help create a circular economy. Therefore, improving ocean shipping through reforms to the Ocean Shipping Act is vital to our industry and global manufacturing supply chains.

Over the past few years, our nation's ports have experienced serious disruptions caused by a myriad of issues that are largely out of the purview of the nation's primary regulatory agency, the Federal Maritime Commission. Specifically, the scrap recycling industry continues to experience shortages of crucial equipment including shipping containers as well as bookings being cancelled at the last moment. Additionally, the industry has been subjected to unfair detention and demurrage charges as a result of these unforeseen cancellations. Unfortunately, the recycling industry is not the only industry experiencing these problems.

We appreciate your leadership by introducing this bill to provide the necessary tools to enable the Federal Maritime Commission to help improve the efficiencies of our nation's ports and protect shippers from unreasonable practices.

ISRI and its members look forward to working with you to pass this important legislation.

Sincerely,



Robin K. Wiener
President

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