



SEAWAY TASK FORCE COALITION

CARGO PREFERENCE

For over one hundred years, it has been the policy of the United States Government that a portion of the goods bought and paid for with taxpayer dollars should be transported on American ships with American crews. In that time, our cargo preference laws have helped keep the U.S.-flag ships sailing, providing good-paying jobs for hundreds of thousands of workers.

America's cargo preference laws are critical to our national and economic security by providing food to hungry people around the world through the PL-480 Food for Peace program and bringing supplies to our troops in harm's way.

America's cargo preference laws have been praised by a bipartisan roster of American leaders, from the late President Eisenhower to President Obama. In 2008, then Senator Obama noted in a letter to affiliates, "Whether it is carrying needed goods to those overseas in distress or moving government-generated cargo, people around the world look to the U.S. Flag as a symbol of hope and determination."

The Seaway Task Force will fight to protect cargo preference, food aid, and other key programs.

The Seaway Task Force pledges to do everything we can to preserve the integrity of these vitally important laws and to see that our critical programs are adequately funded.