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JOBS!

When asked what their most important concern is, a large majority of the American people respond with one word: Jobs.

Without jobs, America cannot remain strong. Without jobs, America won't be able to fulfill its overseas obligations. Without jobs, the quality of life for millions of Americans will continue to stagnate, as it has for the past three decades. Simply put, without jobs, there is no American Dream.

The Seaway Task Force fully supports all efforts to promote job creation. We support increased spending on infrastructure, both as short- and long-term strategy. We recognize that "Green Jobs" represent the future. Congress needs to pass a job creation plan.

The Jones Act and Davis-Bacon remain as important as ever. We need meaningful labor law reform. Job training should remain a priority, as should trade adjustment laws.

It is imperative the administration and Congress not lose sight of the fact maritime must be given a top priority. Our ports generate millions of jobs; dredging and port modernization are essential.

The Jones Act fleet provides meaningful employment for hundreds of thousands of workers, as does the U.S.-flag shipbuilding industry. U.S. cabotage laws should not be curtailed or repealed.

For these and many more reasons, the Seaway Task Force will continue to focus on Jobs!