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Ms. Karen V. Gregory
Secretary
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC 20573-0001

Subject: Docket No. 11-19, *U.S. Containerized Cargo Flows – Response to NOI*

Dear Madam Secretary:

The Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce is submitting these comments in response to the Federal Maritime Commission's Notice of Inquiry on factors that may cause or contribute to the shift of cargo destined for the U.S. inland from U.S. to Canadian and Mexican seaports.

In the interests of the global economy, it is our position that free market conditions should be allowed to operate in all flows of international commerce. We are concerned that the actions of the FMC will encourage governmental intervention or activities that will detract from the best interests of the world economy.

Our Chamber represents many businesses that manufacturer and export products around the globe, employing some 20,000 individuals in the Chicago Southland.

Trade between the United States and Canada, as well as the ability to choose from among a variety of North American ports for imports and exports, are essential to the success of the businesses we represent.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this issue. Please include this letter in the public docket for this proceeding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff Arseneau".

Jeff Arseneau
Chairman of the Board