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STATEMENT FROM BILL LONG REGARDING ILA/USMX ANNOUNCEMENT TO EXTEND CONTRACT UNTIL 2025

We were pleased to learn that the ILA/USMX have agreed to a contract extension until January 2025. This agreement allows for the continued movement of cargo shipments at a critical time for our industry and our nation's economy. We congratulate all the parties on reaching this agreement. This week has underscored the importance a strong U.S. supply base plays in the national economy and our global competitiveness.

MEMA will continue to engage with all parties to track further developments. I also would like to express MEMA's appreciation for all the member companies that immediately stepped forward to provide specific examples and to educate MEMA staff on the situation on the ground.

Do not hesitate to contact Ana Meuwissen or me with any feedback you may have.