July 24, 2026

The Honorable Donald J. Trump
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. President:

The National Propane Gas Association (NPGA) and the National Energy and Fuels Institute (NEFI), whose members include thousands of family-owned businesses that deliver propane, heating oil, and other heating fuels and home comfort services to more than eleven million American homes and businesses, commend your decision to waive the Jones Act. This action has provided necessary relief for American consumers and businesses that depend on the efficient movement of fuel and other essential goods between U.S. ports.

We write to request that you extend the partial Jones Act waiver through at least the end of 2026 to facilitate the continued distribution of heating and motor fuels and other essential commodities. As the data below makes clear, this relief has produced extraordinary and measurable benefits for American consumers and businesses. Allowing it to lapse on August 17, just as fuel distributors begin building inventories for the winter heating season, would immediately reimpose the costs and shipping constraints it was designed to prevent.

The need for continued relief has only grown more urgent as geopolitical events abroad place renewed strain on global supply chains. With the winter heating season approaching, this is precisely the wrong moment to withdraw the additional tanker capacity and ease of movement the waiver provides.

An independent analysis of the waiver's first 93 days, drawing on U.S. Energy Information Administration shipping data and MARAD's waiver filings, found that Puerto Rico's gasoline receipts ran 57 percent above the historical Jones Act average, and that propane deliveries ran at an annualized pace nearly 83 times that average, with more propane delivered in 93 days than in the entire 2020-25 period combined. Waiver activity accelerated steadily rather than tapering off, climbing from roughly 2.5 vessel movements per week in March to 13.8 per week in May, using a waiver-eligible fleet averaging half the age of the Jones Act fleet it supplemented.[1]

On the West Coast (PADD 5), petroleum receipts by water ran 19 percent above the 2020-25 average, with jet fuel and hydrocarbon shipments alone nearly matching 29 years' worth of prior Jones Act tanker movements and gasoline blend stock and alkylate deliveries running 15 times the 2010-25 average. When global disruptions constrained supply, the waiver allowed gasoline, blend stocks, and other fuels to move by water to the markets that needed them, at volumes many times historical norms, keeping consumers supplied through a period of extraordinary strain.

The Northeast faces the same test each winter, only with delivered heating fuels instead of gasoline. We ask that the region's unique circumstances weigh heavily in your decision. No region of the country relies more on heating oil, propane, and other delivered fuels to keep homes warm, yet only a small number of Jones Act-qualified tankers exist to serve it. Just as the waiver brought gasoline to West Coast consumers when supplies tightened, extending it through the heating season would allow heating fuels to reach Northeast terminals, and from there the delivery trucks that serve millions of homes, when demand peaks in the coldest months of the year.

Furthermore, we believe the time has come to seriously examine whether key provisions of this 1920 law are serving today's economy. Your willingness to waive the Jones Act in response to real-world supply chain pressures, and the measurable consumer relief that followed, demonstrates that the status quo is untenable. That is why, on April 23, our organizations joined a coalition of 14 national associations in delivering a letter to congressional leadership urging meaningful reform and modernization of the Jones Act.[2] We write to you today to reinforce that message and to respectfully urge your Administration to work with Congress to ensure the relief provided by your waiver is made permanent through legislative reform.

We reiterate our request that you extend the current waiver through at least the end of the year so that American families and businesses do not lose this relief heading into the winter heating season.

Thank you for your leadership on this issue and for your consideration of this important matter.
Respectfully,

Alabama Propane Gas Association
Eastern Pennsylvania Energy Association
Empire State Energy Association
Indiana Propane Gas Association
Iowa Propane Gas Association
Mid-Atlantic Propane Gas Association
Minnesota Propane Association
National Energy & Fuels Institute
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[1]Analysis of the waiver's first 93 days based on U.S. Energy Information Administration shipping data; U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) 46 U.S.C. § 501(c) waiver reports; jonesacttankertracker.com fleet data; and Navigistics Consulting (2023).

[2]Coalition Letter to Congressional Leadership, April 23, 2026, signed by 14 national organizations representing America's energy, agriculture, and food supply chains.