November 9, 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, thank you for extending the partial Jones Act waiver in August.

We respectfully request that you extend the waiver for an additional 90 days beyond its November 15 expiration. That period, from mid-November through mid-February, covers the coldest months of the year, when our members' customers depend on them most. Letting it lapse now would bring back the costs and shipping constraints it was designed to prevent.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration reports that East Coast distillate inventories, which include heating oil, were 32 percent below their five-year average in September and are expected to stay well below average through the winter.[1] No region relies more on delivered fuels than the Northeast, yet only a small number of Jones Act-qualified tankers serve it, and there is not a single Jones Act-qualified tanker that can carry propane.[2]

We also ask that any extension include an expedited review process for heating fuels, including heating oil, kerosene, diesel, propane, and biofuels. Under the current extension, each voyage requires a written request and a review of U.S.-flag vessel availability before it can proceed. In winter, even a few days of delay can leave terminals short when a cold snap hits.

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

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National Energy & Fuels Institute (NEFI)

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[1]U.S. Energy Information Administration, Winter Fuels Outlook (October 6, 2026).
[2]U.S. Maritime Administration, United States Flag Privately-Owned Merchant Fleet Report (as of April 4, 2026), listing 92 Jones Act-eligible vessels, none of them liquefied petroleum gas carriers.