

The Honorable Dusty Johnson  
1714 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Garamendi  
2368 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

December 8, 2021

Dear Congressmen Garamendi and Johnson:

We, the undersigned members of the International Dairy Foods Association (IDFA), are writing to endorse the Ocean Shipping Reform Act, H.R. 4996, which we understand will be voted on soon by the House of Representatives. IDFA's members represent the nation's dairy manufacturing and marketing industry which supports more than 3.3 million jobs that generate \$41.6 billion in direct wages, \$753 billion in overall economic impact, and over \$6.4 billion in annual exports.

The dairy industry has been deeply affected by the supply chain crisis currently challenging American businesses and consumers. Although these problems affect domestic, import, and export supply chains, U.S. dairy exporters have been disproportionately disadvantaged. Those disadvantages, which include ocean carriers charging excessive demurrage, port skipping, not honoring vessel appointments, and failing to export full containers, have resulted in supply chain bottlenecks that are at crisis-level for the dairy industry as our perishable products are left sitting on docks.

We strongly support the Ocean Shipping Reform Act because we believe it creates the opportunity to make real, long-term, much-needed changes in ocean transportation. The legislation's emphasis on exports and support for increased oversight by the Federal Maritime Commission provide our industry with much-needed hope that the roughly 16% of U.S. milk production that is exported each year will once again have competitive port and carrier access.

For your efforts on the Ocean Shipping Reform Act, we express our thanks and strong support for its passage.

Sincerely,

**Americold**, Atlanta, Ga.  
**Associated Milk Producers, Inc.**, New Ulm, Minn.  
**California Dairies, Inc.**, Visalia, Calif.  
**Darigold, Inc.**, Seattle, Wash.  
**DairyAmerica**, Fresno, Calif.  
**Dairy Farmers of America**, Kansas City, Kan.  
**Glanbia Nutritionals**, Fitchburg, Wis.  
**Hiland Dairy Foods Co., LLC**, Springfield, Mo.  
**Hilmar Cheese Company, Inc.**, Hilmar, Calif.  
**Land O'Lakes, Inc.**, Arden Hills, Minn.  
**Leprino Foods Company**, Denver, Colo.  
**Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.**, Edwardsville, Ill.  
**Schreiber Foods, Inc.**, Green Bay, Wis.  
**The Ice Cream Club, Inc.**, Boynton Beach, Fla.  
**Valley Queen Cheese Factory, Inc.**, Milbank, S.D.  
**Wells Enterprises, Inc.**, Le Mars, Iowa

