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Ms. Lucinda Lessley
Acting Administrator
U.S. Maritime Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Administrator Lessley:

We write to you today on the subject of the recently reported sexual assault of a USMMA cadet while onboard her sea-year assignment. On behalf of the State Maritime Academies, we condemn the behaviors reported in this incident, and we stand in solidarity with victims and survivors of sexual assault in the maritime industry and beyond. Further, we fully acknowledge that this incident is not a single academy incident, nor is it a single shipping company incident, nor a single shipping union incident. This is a matter for th

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