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To whom it may concern,

In the maritime world, having reliable and qualified mariners is an absolute must for vessels to safely and efficiently operate. The industry demands a steady flow of prospective mariners, and as labor shortages run rampant, we are seeing a worrying lack of new faces showing interest in maritime career opportunities in our halls.

SL7expo has devised a brilliant initiative to combat this issue, proposing a solution that brings critical information about the current state of the industry and the career opportunities it provides to the public eye while also preserving a piece of maritime history.

We at MM&P fully support SL7expo in this endeavor as we have provided many of the contracted deck officers to man these vessels for decades. On a personal note, I have fond memories of sailing under the Sea-Land contract as junior officer. The SL-7 container vessel is a great example of innovation and historical significance, both in the commercial maritime industry and the world at large. This initiative ensures that an important piece of our history is well-preserved for years to come while also garnering the interest of prospective mariners.

SL7expo's initiative exemplifies our union's values of tradition and transformation. I pledge support from our union for this project and profoundly encourage other maritime organizations to do the same.

Sincerely,

Don F. Josberger
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