



## BALTIMORE PORT ALLIANCE

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**Re: SL7expo Letter of Support**

To Whom It May Concern,

Please accept these comments as our formal support for the SL7expo proposal for the Port of Baltimore.

The SL7expo proposal would create a national maritime education and exposition center to feature historic ships and promote commercial maritime and intermodal commerce, career development, and education. Six historic vessels are already berthed in Baltimore, of which three are actively looking for a permanent home (Liberty Ship *SS John W. Brown*, Nuclear Ship *NS Savannah*, and the sailing ship *Pride of Baltimore II*). A critical seventh ship would be an SL7 Fast Sealift Ship (soon to be retired) with its 150,000-sf of hanger space available for educational, recruiting, and community displays and events.

We believe this project would be a huge asset to the Port of Baltimore and the regional economy. And we know Baltimore is better positioned to support this project than any other port.

Therefore, I strongly urge you to support the SL7expo's efforts, ask our federal government to provide the support needed to make this proposal a reality, and take immediate action.

Sincerely,

David Chenowith  
Chairman, Baltimore Port Alliance

**About the Baltimore Port Alliance:** The Baltimore Port Alliance is a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization of maritime stakeholders dedicated to addressing the needs and interests of businesses and individuals who make their living and support their families through maritime commerce. The BPA is also aware of the importance of being a good neighbor to the communities that are nearby maritime facilities at the Port of Baltimore.