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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the project currently known as the SL7 expo. It is a critical project with regard to military recruitment/ national security and the recruitment of commercial mariners in support of US commercial shipping, including identifying sufficient, qualified mariners to fully man Military Sealift vessels.

The US Maritime Administration (MARAD) currently controls 8 SL7 Fast Sealift ships. Their plans are to scrap all 8 of these ships in the near future. For SL7 expo to reach fruition one of these ships will need to be made available for this project.

SL7 expo envisions co-locating the donated SL7 with other historic vessels, e.g. the NS Savannah and the liberty ship USS John W. Brown, which are currently located in Baltimore, MD. The SL 7 will provide a viable platform that can house military recruitment offices, interactive maritime tourist exhibits, maritime historical exhibits and conference and banquet facilities. Co-located with other historical ships it can provide a lucrative tourist attraction for whichever port it is in plus be a significant platform for developing interest in a career at sea.

Needed is the support of many including Congress and MARAD. To all who read this letter please lend your support to making SL7 expo a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Bohlman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Michael Bohlman

President