

**“WRAP-UP” REMARKS
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**NATIONAL MARITIME STRATEGY SYMPOSIUM #1
*GROWING THE US-FLAG FLEET ENGAGED IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE***

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**BEFORE WE ADJOURN FOR THE DAY, I'D LIKE TO
THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS SUCH
A SPECIAL OCCASION FOR THE MARITIME
INDUSTRY.**

**I WANT TO COMPLIMENT ALL THE PARTICIPANTS,
SPEAKERS AND PRESENTERS FOR A WONDERFUL
JOB.**

**YOU HAVE MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR
INVOLVEMENT.**

**YOU HAVE STIMULATED DISCUSSION, PROVIDED
CONSTRUCTIVE DIALOGUE, AND EXCHANGED
IDEAS AND VISIONS ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE
U.S.-FLAG FLEET . . .**

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**TO WRAP UP THIS FIRST DAY OF THE SYMPOSIUM, I
HAVE SOME CONCLUDING THOUGHTS . . .**

**WE HAVE SOME VERY INFLUENTIAL FOLKS IN THE
MARITIME SECTOR.**

**WHAT MAKES THIS GROUP UNIQUE IS THAT 80% OF
THE PEOPLE HERE ALREADY KNOW EACH OTHER
. . . THAT'S A MAJOR ASSET.**

**AND WE ALL HAVE IDEAS OF WHAT WE THINK
NEEDS TO BE CHANGED . . . BUT THE KEY
QUESTION WE HAVEN'T ANSWERED IS *"HOW DO
WE DO IT TOGETHER?"***

**IN ORDER TO SUCCEED GOING FORWARD, WE
NEED TO COME TOGETHER WITH A CLEAR
COMMON GOAL THAT WILL BE THE FOCUS OF THE
DEVELOPMENT OF THIS INITIATIVE . . .**

**AND FIND THINGS THAT WE CAN ALL SUPPORT AS
A MARITIME STRATEGY FOR THE NATION.**

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**SOMETHING ELSE I NOTICED TODAY WAS THAT
*THERE ARE A LOT OF GOOD IDEAS HERE!***

**THAT WAS MADE ABUNDANTLY CLEAR IN OUR
BREAKOUT SESSIONS THIS AFTERNOON . . . BUT
WE'VE GOT TO FLESH THOSE IDEAS OUT IN MORE
DETAIL.**

**WE'VE GOT TO TURN THOSE CONCEPTS INTO A
STRUCTURED APPROACH . . . AND WE CAN DO
THAT!**

**SURE, IT WON'T BE EASY . . . BUT WE ALL KNOW
THAT, AND IT WAS SOMETHING STRESSED BY ALL
OF OUR SPEAKERS TODAY.**

CONGRESSMAN GARAMENDI SAID THAT “WE’VE GOT WORK TO DO, AND A LONG WAY TO GO.”

AND HELEN BENTLEY CALLED THE PROCESS “A TOUGH SLOG” . . . AND I STAND BY THAT.

THIS WON’T BE EASY, BUT NOTHING WORTH DOING EVER IS!

THAT’S WHY I APPRECIATE YOUR TIME AND COMMITMENT TO DOING THIS . . . BECAUSE THAT’S WHAT IT’S GOING TO TAKE TO DEVELOP A STRATEGY THAT’S MEANINGFUL, AND HAS THE IMPACT OUR COUNTRY NEEDS IT TO HAVE.

THIS IS A HISTORIC TIME FOR AMERICAN MARITIME AND AS LEADERS IN OUR MOVEMENT, WE HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO . . . WORK THAT WE’LL CONTINUE TOMORROW MORNING AT 10.

I HOPE TO SEE ALL OF YOU THEN.