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Rear Admiral Mark H. Buzby  
Administrator  
U.S. Maritime Administration  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, Southeast  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Admiral Buzby:

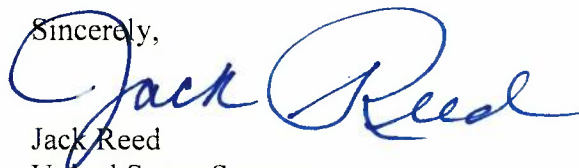
I write in support of the application submitted by J. Goodison Company, Inc. for funding through MARAD's 2020 Small Shipyard grant program.

Founded in 1999, J. Goodison is a veteran-owned marine and industrial services shipyard specializing in full-service marine maintenance and repair in locations throughout the United States. In 2016, the company opened a shipyard facility in the Quonset Business Park in North Kingstown, Rhode Island and the facility is currently home to the largest mobile boat hoist in the Northeast region of the country. The company's client list includes repair services to commercial vessels and government entities, including the U.S. Navy, the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Department of Homeland Security, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the National Park Service.

J. Goodison continues to invest and make improvements to its Quonset Point Facility, spending more than \$10.9 million on infrastructure, equipment, and other improvements since the shipyard began operations. A priority for the shipyard is replacing its 1990 rough terrain crane that currently impedes efficient operations at the yard due to its age, capacity limitations, and reliability. Funding through this grant program would allow the company to purchase a new 80-ton, American-made, rough terrain crane to address key safety and efficiency issues in its operations and enable it to take on dockside work more reliably. The addition of this piece of equipment presents many benefits to the shipyard's operation; including more efficient lifting operations, savings on crane repair costs and rental equipment, and safety improvements.

I support J. Goodison Company's proposal and ask your consideration of this application within all applicable rules and regulations. If I can be of assistance to you in this matter, please do not hesitate to contact my office. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Jack Reed  
United States Senator