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Captain Grant Stewart  
Chairman San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee  
C/o American Ship Management, LLC  
2175 N. California Blvd., Suite 1000  
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

RE: San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee

Dear Captain Stewart:

The Western States Petroleum Association (WSPA) is a trade association that represents the majority of petroleum related interests in the western United States. These interests include production, transportation, refining, and marketing of petroleum and petroleum products. WSPA members are major users of the San Francisco Harbor, and have a strong interest in keeping our navigable waters safe, which makes WSPA very interested in the Harbor Safety Committee.

WSPA maintains an active Marine Committee and a Marine Vessel and Terminal Group. These committees have an extensive level of experience and knowledge on marine safety, environmental policy and regulatory requirements as it applies to the San Francisco area. We believe we can bring a lot of experience and knowledge to the table that can be of great value and assistance to the Harbor Safety Committee.

WSPA is writing to request that the San Francisco Harbor Safety Committee create a seat to represent the interests of the independent marine oil terminals and refineries and that seat be filled by a WSPA representative. WSPA would like to nominate Mr. Jerry Karr with Valero Energy Corporation to hold the seat and Captain Marc Bayer with Tesoro Refining and Marketing Company as his alternate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me regarding this letter, I would be happy to provide any additional information or answer any questions you may have regarding our Association.

Thank you for considering our request. I look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

Frank E. Holmes

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