

# A Long-Term Funding Solution for Port Maintenance GOOD FOR PORTS, VITAL FOR EXPORTERS NATIONWIDE



## U.S. PORTS: GATEWAYS TO THE WORLD FOR AMERICAN EXPORTS

Every day, American ports send exported products and materials from manufacturing centers and agricultural communities across the U.S. heartland to markets around the world.

Among the goods that reach overseas markets through America's ports are aerospace products and parts, motor vehicles, lime and gypsum, oil and gas, seeds and grains, meat products and agriculture and construction equipment. These products and many more travel through seaports to reach a variety of markets, from South Korea and Oman, to Brazil and the United Kingdom – and support hundreds of thousands of jobs in states such as Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska and Wyoming.

With more than 95 percent of the world's population and 80 percent of the world's purchasing power outside the United States, it is vital to keep our seaports operating efficiently to maintain U.S. competitiveness abroad while sustaining jobs and local economies here at home.

## FOR U.S. PORTS, MAINTENANCE IS THE HIGHEST PRIORITY

Responsible for over a quarter of United States GDP and nearly 31 million American jobs, a well-maintained port system is vital to the manufacturers, exporters and farmers who count on U.S. ports to move their products to market. Committing taxpayer funds for their intended purpose of harbor maintenance is important to ensure a steady flow of U.S. goods to international markets.

## ENSURING TAX FAIRNESS

After years of underutilizing Harbor Maintenance Tax (HMT), a comprehensive solution that dedicates full use of the annual revenues to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) will result in the long-term sustainability of our nation's harbor maintenance needs.

The port industry has agreed on a fair and equitable framework that provides full use of the HMT by the Corps, ensures year-to-year funding sustainability and assures the most efficient use of collected harbor maintenance funds. Under this plan, the prior year's HMT revenues would be appropriated to the Corps.



## Top Manufacturing, Mining & Agriculture Exports from Non-Coastal States

- Aerospace Products & Parts
- Motor Vehicles
- Lime & Gypsum
- Oil & Gas
- Seeds & Grains
- Meat Products
- Ag & Construction Machinery

(Source: Business Roundtable)

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