

**Federal investments in seaports are an essential, effective utilization of limited resources, paying dividends through increased trade and commerce, long-term job creation, secure borders, military support and environmental stewardship.**

**As Congress grapples with reducing the nation's deficit, AAPA urges Congress to recognize that seaports are essential to economic prosperity, and federal investments in port infrastructure pay dividends for our country.**

Maintaining infrastructure that supports foreign and interstate commerce is not only a federal responsibility but is in the national interest.

- U.S. ports and their private sector partners plan to spend more than \$46 billion collectively over the next five years in marine terminal capital improvements, and federal navigation channel users pay the Harbor Maintenance Tax to fund 100 percent of channel maintenance in most harbors.
- Seaports are essential to the economic prosperity of our nation, moving 99 percent of overseas trade.
- Cargo moving through seaports is responsible for more than 13 million jobs. Annually, seaports generate over \$200 billion in federal, state and local tax revenue and more than \$20 billion in Customs duties.

America's seaports are integral to our economy, jobs and national security. Reducing federal investments in seaports would be detrimental to our country.

**KEY SEAPORT INDUSTRY PRIORITIES:**

- Fully use the existing Harbor Maintenance Tax to maintain channels at authorized dimensions
- Adequately fund harbor deepening projects to modernize federal channels
- Invest in port infrastructure, intermodal port access and freight mobility through implementation of MAP-21 provisions and within TIGER
- Maintain funding and the eligibility of all ports for Port Security Grants
- Continue funding for the Diesel Emissions Reduction Act

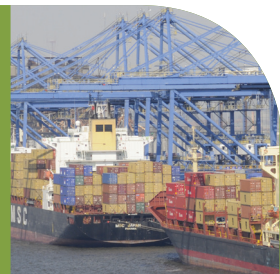
**SECURITY**

Secure seaports keep people, goods, equipment and infrastructure safe



**IMPORTS**

In 2011, imported industrial supplies & materials increased by 21 percent, excluding crude oil



**SEAPORTS**

**EXPORTS**

U.S. exports supported an estimated 9.2 million jobs in 2010



**ENVIRONMENT**

Seaports help protect habitat and reduce air emissions to ensure the health of coastal communities and ecosystems



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Seaports  
Deliver  
Prosperity