

URGENT ILWU ACTION ALERT

PHOTOCOPY AND SHARE—NOVEMBER 17 & 18, 2015

To: All ILWU Longshore Division Locals. From: ILWU Coast Committee

CONGRESS IS MEETING WED., NOV. 18, TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT WILL AFFECT EVERY ILWU MEMBER. PLEASE TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS TODAY:

1. Longshore workers and our families should call each phone number in the left-hand column. Ask to speak with the appropriate staff person, and read (or paraphrase) the script in the right-hand column. If you have time to call only one person, call Sen. Boxer's staff.
2. Contact Jennifer Sargent Bokaie at 503-703-2933 or Jennifer@ilwu.org to report on the results of your calls. If you have time, Jennifer will send you an email that you can forward to your elected officials.

Call each of these Senate Conferees today:

Sen. Barbara Boxer

(Staff: Kyle Chapman and Anne Clement)
(202) 224-3553

Sen. Sherrod Brown

(Staff: Nora Todd and Jonathan McCracken)
(202) 224-2315

Sen. Bill Nelson

(Staff: Brandon Kaufman and Devon Barnhart)
(202) 224-5274

Sen. Ron Wyden

(Staff: Trevor Jones)
(202) 224-5244

Sen. Dick Durbin

(Staff: Alyssa Fisher)
(202) 224-2152

Sen. Lisa Murkowski

(Staff: Matt Borger)
(202) 224-6665

Sen. Chuck Schumer

(Staff: Sean Byrne)
(202) 224-6542

SUGGESTED SCRIPT FOR 11/17 AND 11/18:

Hello, my name is _____, and I'd like to speak with [STAFF PERSON LISTED TO THE LEFT.]

I'm a Longshore Worker at the Port of _____ and a member of ILWU Local _____. I'd like to thank you for working to pass a multi-year transportation bill to invest in our nation's infrastructure.

But I'm very alarmed at two parts of the bill that threaten my safety and jobs on the waterfront.

First, Senator Thune's "Port Performance Act" will threaten my safety and will NOT truly address congestion. It forces the federal government to count crane moves, among other things. My job already has a higher fatality rate than mining, and the pressure to work at unsafe speeds will mean more deaths and disabling accidents on the docks. This provision must go!

Second, the Senate Bill has a provision that allows funding of electronic roads and driverless trucks on the docks. This is a job-killing provision and does nothing to address congestion or productivity.

I'm asking that the Senate Conferees will agree with the House position and strip both of these anti-worker provisions from the final bill so that we will have a Conference Report that Labor can support.

Thank you very much.



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