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The Honorable Mike Johnson
Speaker
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Hakeem Jeffries
Minority Leader
U.S. House of Representatives
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The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United State Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Speaker Johnson, Leader Thune, Leader Jefferies, and Leader Schumer:

On behalf of the undersigned organizations, we write in support of including the bipartisan Shipbuilding and Harbor Infrastructure for Prosperity and Security (SHIPS) for America Act of 2025 (H.R. 3151, S. 1541) in the final National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2027. The SHIPS for America Act is essential to rebuilding the United States shipbuilding and maritime industrial base. Doing so will enable and enhance both American national and economic security.

Over recent decades, the American shipbuilding sector has been allowed to deteriorate while other nations have significantly expanded their own maritime industries. Of greatest concern, China's maritime fleet vastly outpaces that of the United States. In addition to imperiling American national and economic security, the situation has harmed the domestic industries that are part of the shipbuilding supply chain, especially American steelmakers.

The SHIPS for America Act contains many key policy provisions to address these challenges by revitalizing the domestic shipbuilding and commercial maritime industries. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation is a comprehensive approach to creating a robust American-flagged shipbuilding sector with thousands of jobs created

at U.S. shipyards and throughout the entire shipbuilding supply chain across the nation.

Key aspects of the SHIPS for America Act are included in the House-passed version of FY 2027 NDAA. To fully reach the critical goal of a revitalized American shipbuilding sector, we request that additional key provisions of the full SHIPS for America Act be included in the final version of the FY 2027 NDAA this year.

Sincerely,

American Iron and Steel Institute
Steel Manufacturers Association
Specialty Steel Industry of North America
The Committee on Pipe & Tube Imports
Alliance for American Manufacturing
Forging Industry Association
North American Die Casting Association
Cold Finished Steel Bar Institute