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**Subject:** Board of Pilot Commissioners Industry Nominations

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Good afternoon Ismael,

Please find attached the industry seat nominations to the Governor for his consideration. As required by statute, PMSA submits these three individuals for the Governor's review to fill one of two industry positions on the state Board of Pilot Commissioners (CalSTA), pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code section 1150(a)(2).

Thank you for your patience with these nominations. As described in the email, the available industry pool makes these nominations challenging, and this is a situation which is not unique to the Board of Pilot Commissioners.

Best,  
Mike

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**SUBMISSION OF NOMINEES - (Harbors & Navigation Code § 1150(a)(2)), Dry Cargo Seat,  
Board of Pilot Commissioners for the Bays of San Francisco, San Pablo, and Suisun**

Dear Governor Newsom:

Pursuant to Harbors and Navigation Code section 1150(a)(2), the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA) respectfully submits for your consideration the requisite three nominees for appointment to the “Dry Cargo Industry” seat on the state Board of Pilot Commissioner.

We thank each of these exceptional nominees for agreeing to be considered for this important appointment. Each of these individuals are well-qualified, have experiences with many facets of maritime safety, licensing, operations, and policy, and meet the statutory requirements for appointments to the state Board:

- 1) Capt. Lynn Korwatch, Alamo, CA

[REDACTED]

- 2) Joseph Vezzali, Rocklin, CA

[REDACTED]

- 3) John McLaurin, San Ramon, CA

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We appreciate your patience with the receipt of this nomination list. As discussed in detail with your appointments unit, the staff at the California State Transportation Agency, and the Board of Pilot Commissioners, it is becoming increasingly challenging to find additional, well-qualified nominees who have the time and inclination to volunteer for service on the BOPC. This is due to numerous factors and changes in our business, but principally resulting from a significant lack of local presence of the maritime industry when compared to our historic level of robust local maritime executive and office professionals. These factors have been exacerbated by the pandemic and recent industry challenges which have further stressed the flexibility and limited the availability of those who remain local and qualified for appointment.

I look forward to being in contact with your Appointments Unit to discuss next steps for these potential nominees for them to be fully considered by your office. As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or PMSA on this or any other matter.

Sincerely,



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cc: Mr. Ismael Contreras, Deputy Appointments Secretary  
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