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Passenger Vessel Association

PVA Members Highlight Industry Issues During Congressional Fly-In

Alexandria, VA, April, 2013....On Tuesday, April 23 members of the Passenger Vessel Association (PVA) traveled to Capitol Hill for the association's annual Congressional Fly-In. While there, they met with Members of the Senate and House of Representatives and staff to discuss issues of importance to the U.S. passenger vessel industry.

"The PVA Congressional Fly-In is an extremely important activity because it provides an opportunity to relate real-world information about our industry directly to our legislators," said Carolyn Horgan. "We find that they are very receptive to our viewpoints and appreciative of our industry's contributions to travel, tourism and transportation."

During these meetings, PVA members discussed and stressed:

- The U.S. passenger vessel industry's stellar record of safe vessel operations.
- The ongoing burden of uncoordinated regulation and requested relief.
- The importance of adequately funding the Coast Guard marine inspection mission.
- The lack of security benefits for the U.S. passenger vessel industry of Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) and TWIC Readers.
- The importance of funding maintenance and improvements of ports, locks, dams and waterways.

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