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Contact Your Member of Congress Today, Urging Support for H.R. 940, the Recreational Marine Employment Act (RMEA)

NMMA needs your help to pass important legislation that would benefit the entire recreational marine industry! Please help us by encouraging your Member of Congress to support the Recreational Marine Employment Act by following the easy steps below.

What is the problem? In 1984, Congress realized that Longshore and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act (LHWCA) had unintended consequences for the recreational marine industry and consequently amended the Act to exempt work done on recreational boats under 65 feet in length. However, the recreational marine industry has evolved during the 20 years since Congress passed this legislative solution, with more and more consumers seeking larger recreational vessels.

Why should I care? Due to industry changes, an increasingly important and vibrant segment of the recreational marine industry remains burdened by LHWCA. The fact remains that recreational marine employees are already covered under state workers' compensation plans, making the Longshore Act an anachronistic and burdensome cost for marine manufacturers.

How do I get involved? Please contact your Member of Congress by fax or email and urge them to co-sponsor H.R. 940, the Recreational Marine Employment Act (RMEA). Members of Congress and their addresses as well as a form letter are available at www.nmma.org/grassroots/. You can customize the letter to suit your company. Please let Jeffrey Gabriel (jgabriel@nmma.org) know when you respond to your elected representatives so NMMA can follow up.

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