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The Honorable Michael A. Khouri  
Chairman  
Federal Maritime Commission  
800 North Capitol Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20573

Dear Chairman Khouri:

It is my understanding that many shippers face a chassis supply challenge in the Memphis area. Adequate chassis supply promotes the competitiveness of shippers in and out of the Memphis market, including those with operations in my home state of Mississippi. The Federal Maritime Commission's formation of the Memphis Supply Chain Innovation Team (MSCIT) to provide recommendations on how to address challenges faced by shippers, ocean carriers, railroads, chassis pool contributors, and motor carriers was an important step. I am aware that the MSCIT has recommended developing a single, interoperable "gray pool" model in Memphis and the Mid-South and that this concept has broad support from shippers, ocean carriers, motor carriers and railroads.

I request that you keep my staff informed of developments involving the MSCIT.

Sincerely,

  
Roger P. Wicker  
Chairman