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Port of Corpus Christi CEO Appointed to U.S. Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee

Corpus Christi, TX, USA – Sean Strawbridge, Chief Executive Officer for the Port of Corpus Christi, has been appointed by Senator John Cornyn (R-Texas) to the United States Maritime Transportation System National Advisory Committee (MTSNAC). MTSNAC is a chartered, non-federal body that advises the U.S. Secretary of Transportation through the Maritime Administrator (MARAD) on matters relating to U.S. maritime transportation and its integration with other transportation segments, including the viability of the U.S. Merchant Marine. Mr. Strawbridge will join over 40 national transportation leaders from commercial firms, port and water stakeholders, organized labor, as well as federal, state and local public entities.

"It's an honor to be appointed by Senator Cornyn to MTSNAC and a privilege to represent the maritime transportation interests of Texas and the United States in this prestigious role," said **Sean Strawbridge, CEO of the Port of Corpus Christi**. "This is an exciting time for the U.S. maritime industry at large and the Port of Corpus Christi's experience as the Nation's fourth largest port in total tonnage and the largest energy export port to MTSNAC delivers an opportunity to highlight the criticality of the energy sector in the national transportation infrastructure conversation."

During his tenure at the Port of Corpus Christi, Mr. Strawbridge has testified in Congress on the charge of Examining the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), highlighting ways for improved communication and interaction between the USACE, localities, and the public where the USACE conducts work and projects. He has written extensively on the changing paradigms in marine terminals and balancing sustainable, eco-friendly port development with economic growth.

"We are proud of Sean's appointment to this important national committee and support his role in raising awareness of the current challenges the U.S. faces in developing its national transportation infrastructure. As a major contributor in the global energy landscape, Texas must ensure the maritime sector voice is heard and we thank Senator Cornyn for his support and recognition of that," said **Port of Corpus Christi Commission Chairman, Charles W. Zahn, Jr**.

About Port Corpus Christi

As the leading U.S. Crude Oil export port and a major economic engine of Texas and the nation, Port Corpus Christi is the 4th largest port in the United States in total tonnage. Strategically located on the western Gulf of Mexico with a 36 mile, 47 foot (MLLW) deep channel, Port Corpus Christi is a major gateway to international and domestic maritime commerce. The Port has excellent railroad and highway network connectivity via three North American Class-1 railroads and two major interstate highways. With an outstanding staff overseen by its seven member commission, Port Corpus Christi is "Moving America's Energy." <u>http://www.portcorpuschristi.com/</u>

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