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H.R. 2346

Hon. George B. Schwabe  
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Dear Sir:

We have just recently received notice that public hearings on H. R. 2346 (Merchant Seamen's War Service Act) are to be held on October 18th before the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, Congressman Schuyler O. Bland, chairman. The time of the hearing is 10:00 o'clock, a.m. We understand this bill is expected to be reported out of committee without undue delay.

We are indeed so pleased to know that this bill is getting started and we are writing this letter to you to tell you to be sure to give it your attention when it appears on the floor of congress.

As you know the President of our United States and many of the high ranking generals in this war have paid tribute to the men of the Merchant Marines. We particularly want to stress the importance of adequate hospitalization and disability benefits for war service seamen, benefits for dependents, rehabilitation, and education. All these benefits have been justly earned.

We do thank you for the interest you have shown and we do hope you will use your influence in securing the passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

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