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Dear Brothers and Sisters:

With Operation Iraqi Freedom 2 underway, I want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation for your professional, dedicated and continued support for our U.S. troops overseas and your transportation of reconstruction and humanitarian aid to Iraq.

Without the support of the U.S. Merchant Marine commercial fleet, the contract merchant mariner fleet under the direction of the Maritime Administration and Military Sealift Command, the Civilian Mariners with MSC, Army Corps of Engineers and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, our U.S. troops would not be able to carry on from day to day.

As an MEBA member, I am privileged to serve as your President and I am proud of the historical 129-year tradition of professionalism that is exhibited every day by you under the American flag.

In Solidarity

*Ron Davis*

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