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TO : All International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) Locals
All United States Maritime Alliance, Ltd. (USMX)

- Port Association Members
- Direct Employer Members
- Carrier Members

Dear Colleagues:

As you may know, TWIC enrollment began in the Port of Wilmington, Delaware on October 16, 2007. From our understanding, enrollment is proceeding well and TWICs are being issued.

In order to ensure that all workers who need to get a TWIC receive the necessary information about the process, the ILA and USMX have drafted a model letter to the longshore workforce that individual ILA Locals and port associations can utilize to get the word out. It is our opinion that a joint letter similar to the one we offer is an excellent way to demonstrate the importance of timely TWIC enrollment and that both labor and management are united in their support of this. The letter also references TSA-prepared informational materials that we enclose for your convenience.

This letter can also be utilized by direct employers and ILA Locals for their own direct employees who may need to obtain a TWIC as well. While the letter is generally good to go, each port will have to add the relevant information about enrollment dates and enrollment center locations.

Good luck for a successful implementation of the TWIC program in your port.

Sincerely,

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