



## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Joint Statement Regarding Resumption of ILA-USMX Negotiations**

**NORTH BERGEN/LYNDHURST, NJ (October 25, 2024)** – The leadership of the International Longshoremen’s Association (ILA) and United States Maritime Alliance (USMX) today announced that they will resume Master Contract discussions in November 2024, to discuss all outstanding issues to reach a new agreement. Earlier this month, the two sides extended the Master Contract until January 15, 2025, and reached a tentative agreement on wages that is contingent on bargaining all open issues.

The respective negotiating committees will meet in New Jersey, where they will look to agree on terms for a new Master Contract Proposal that can be presented to the full ILA Wage Scale Committee for approval, and later, to ILA Longshore workers for ratification.

“The ILA and USMX welcome the opportunity to return to the bargaining table and get a new agreement in place as soon as possible,” they said.

The two sides will not discuss details of negotiations with the media prior to these meetings.

###