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Dear FMC Secretary:

Per the Commission's notice of November 16, 2017, I am interested in presenting testimony at the Petition P4-16 hearings in January 2018.

My name is Cameron W. Roberts. I am a partner at Roberts & Kehagiaras LLP in Long Beach, California. I expect to appear on behalf of the firm, and the Foreign Trade Association. <https://foreigntradeassociation.com/>

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I have been involved in international trade for twenty-nine years. My expected testimony will offer facts and real-world examples of detention and demurrage cases in the Ports of Long Beach, Los Angeles, and throughout the United States. The facts and examples will be based on my experience as a licensed customs broker, a former OTI industry executive, a legal professional representing hundreds of OTIs and motor carriers, a past president of two trade associations in Southern California, and as an adjunct professor at California State University, Long Beach in its Global Logistics Specialist Program.

My expected testimony will address detention and demurrage under the general maritime law, the Shipping Act, and recent case law concerning the collection of detention and demurrage by steamship lines from OTIs.

My expected testimony will consider cargo owners' abandonment of loaded containers at marine terminals, the risk of misdelivery lawsuits in The People's Republic of China and other countries where the holders of negotiable bills of lading may be, misdelivery under the Shipping Act, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection's General Order procedure for managing abandoned cargo.

Sincerely yours,

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