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The Cato Institute invites you to a Conference

The Jones Act: Charting a New Course after a Century of Failure

Thursday, December 6, 2018 • 9:00AM – 5:00PM EST
Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C.

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For nearly 100 years the Jones Act has restricted the transportation of cargo between two points in the United States to ships that are U.S.-built, crewed, owned, and flagged. Meant to bolster the U.S. maritime industry and provide a ready supply of ships and mariners in times of conflict, the act has instead presided over a steady deterioration in the number of ships, sailors to crew them, and shipyards to build them. While failing to provide its promised benefits, the law has imposed a huge economic burden that manifests itself in various ways, ranging from higher transportation costs to increased traffic and pollution. This full-day conference examines these costs in greater detail, discusses the validity of the Jones Act's national security argument, and evaluates options for reform.

Session I: The Jones Act: A Burden America Can No Longer Bear

- **Daniel Griswold**, Senior Research Fellow & Co-Director of Trade and Immigration, Mercatus Center
- **Manuel Reyes**, Executive Vice-President/CEO, Puerto Rico Food Marketing, Industry and Distribution Chamber (MIDA)
- **Bryan Riley**, Director, Free Trade Initiative, National Taxpayers Union
- Moderator: **Colin Grabow**, Policy Analyst, Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, Cato Institute

Session II: The Economic Costs of the Jones Act

- **James W. Coleman**, Professor, Dedman School of Law, Southern Methodist University
- **Jennifer Danner Riccardi**, Senior Trade Advisor, Delegation of the European Union to the United States
- **Ted Loch-Temzelides**, Professor of Economics, Rice University
- **Rockford Weitz**, Professor of Practice, Entrepreneur Coach & Director, Maritime Studies Program, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
- Moderator: **Daniel J. Ikenson**, Director, Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, Cato Institute

Session III: National Security and the Maritime Industry

- **Steve Ellis**, Vice President, Taxpayers for Common Sense
- **Nick Loris**, Herbert and Joyce Morgan Fellow in Energy and Environmental Policy, Center for Free Markets and Regulatory Reform, Heritage Foundation
- **Robert Quartel**, CEO & Chairman, NTELX
- Moderator: **Christopher A. Preble**, Vice President, Defense and Foreign Policy Studies, Cato Institute

Session IV: Charting a New Course: Options for Jones Act Reform

- **Keli i Akina**, President & CEO, Grassroot Institute of Hawaii
- **Thomas Grennes**, Professor of Economics Emeritus, North Carolina State University
- **Howard Gutman**, Former U.S. Ambassador to Belgium and Managing Director, the Gutman Group
- **Michael Hansen**, President, Hawaii Shippers Council
- Moderator: **Inu Manak**, Visiting Scholar, Herbert A. Stiefel Center for Trade Policy Studies, Cato Institute

This Cato Conference is free of charge.

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