



April 3, 2023

Via Email

Commissioner Paul Weinstein
Commissioner Jennifer Davenport
Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor
39 Broadway
New York, NY 10006

Dear Commissioners Weinstein and Davenport,

As you know, on March 1, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *New York v. New Jersey*, which concerns whether New Jersey is permitted to unilaterally withdraw from the Waterfront Commission Compact. We expect to receive a decision from the Supreme Court by the end of this year's term in June.

We understand that there is considerable uncertainty about the situation at the ports following the Court's decision, whatever that decision may be.

We want to assure you that staff from both of our states have met and will work closely over the coming months to prepare a plan to maintain the ongoing investigations, enforcement proceedings, and operations of the ports, as well as the knowledge of Commission staff, consistent with the Supreme Court's decision. Both of our states are fully committed to working collaboratively with you to ensure that our ports are well-run and continue to support our regional and national economies.

We understand the importance of this issue both to the Waterfront Commission and to the many stakeholders who are impacted by the Commission's operations. We look forward to working with all stakeholders both before and after the Supreme Court's decision. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our offices if we can be of help.

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KATHY HOCHUL
Governor of the State of New York

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Philip D. Murphy".

PHILIP D. MURPHY
Governor of the State of New Jersey