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**State departments of agriculture celebrate supply chain success with passage of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act**

The National Association of State Departments of Agriculture CEO Ted McKinney issued the following statement in response to the U.S. Senate's passage of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act.

"Undue burden to our food system and supply chain has been lessened today with the passage of the Ocean Shipping Reform Act, which maintains fair ocean carrier practices. Today's actions couldn't have come at a more needed time for the United States and the world as changes from the Ocean Shipping Reform Act will enable more U.S. agricultural products to reach the global marketplace," McKinney said.

"NASDA also thanks Congress for working together in a bipartisan fashion to swiftly pass and provide solutions through the Ocean Shipping Reform Act."

**Background**

NASDA has supported the Ocean Shipping Reform Act since its introduction to the U.S. House of Representatives in August 2021. NASDA authored [original](#) and endorsed [multiple collation letters](#) to Congress in support of the act.

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