

From: McCormack, Ryan (OST)
Sent: Mon, 25 Aug 2025 17:13:10 +0000
To: Miller, Rachel (Kelly)
Cc: Russell, Joe (Kelly); Matesic, Hannah (OST); Orlaski, Abigail (OST); Buskard, Brian (OST)
Subject: Re: Connect re SHIPS for America

Great - see you then.

From: Miller, Rachel (Kelly) <Rachel_Miller@kelly.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 12:54:00 PM
To: McCormack, Ryan (OST) <ryan.mccormack@dot.gov>
Cc: Russell, Joe (Kelly) <Joe_Russell@kelly.senate.gov>; Matesic, Hannah (OST) <hannah.matesic@dot.gov>; Orlaski, Abigail (OST) <abigail.orkaski@dot.gov>; Buskard, Brian (OST) <brian.buskard@dot.gov>
Subject: RE: Connect re SHIPS for America

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Great! Let's lock in September 11 at 11:30am. We are located in Hart 516.

From: McCormack, Ryan (OST) <ryan.mccormack@dot.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 12:29 PM
To: Miller, Rachel (Kelly) <Rachel_Miller@kelly.senate.gov>
Cc: Russell, Joe (Kelly) <Joe_Russell@kelly.senate.gov>; Matesic, Hannah (OST) <hannah.matesic@dot.gov>; Orlaski, Abigail (OST) <abigail.orkaski@dot.gov>; Buskard, Brian (OST) <brian.buskard@dot.gov>
Subject: Re: Connect re SHIPS for America

Rachel,

If 11:30am on September 11 will work well for you and Joe, then that'll work well on our side too. Let me know if we can lock in that time.

Thanks,

Ryan

From: Miller, Rachel (Kelly) <Rachel_Miller@kelly.senate.gov>
Sent: Monday, August 25, 2025 11:32 AM
To: McCormack, Ryan (OST) <ryan.mccormack@dot.gov>

Cc: Russell, Joe (Kelly) <Joe_Russell@kelly.senate.gov>; Matesic, Hannah (OST) <hannah.matesic@dot.gov>; Orlaski, Abigail (OST) <abigail.orkaski@dot.gov>; Buskard, Brian (OST) <brian.buskard@dot.gov>
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Hi Ryan,

Thanks for the email and willingness to work together to find a time to meet. Joe and I are available the full month of September. We are generally available for in-person meetings Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 10am-3pm, except for Tuesday, September 2 and Thursday, September 18. We are also available for virtual meetings on Mondays and Fridays 9am-5pm, except for September 19.

Moving Sydney to bcc to spare her inbox.

Thanks,
Rachel

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MARK KELLY



From: McCormack, Ryan (OST) <ryan.mccormack@dot.gov>

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:11 PM

To: Hess, Sydney (Kelly) <Sydney_Hess@kelly.senate.gov>

Cc: Miller, Rachel (Kelly) <Rachel_Miller@kelly.senate.gov>; Russell, Joe (Kelly) <Joe_Russell@kelly.senate.gov>; Matesic, Hannah (OST) <hannah.matesic@dot.gov>; Orlaski, Abigail

(OST) <abigail.orlaski@dot.gov>; Buskard, Brian (OST) <brian.buskard@dot.gov>

Subject: RE: Connect re SHIPS for America

Hi Sydney,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm sure we can get something setup. Is Joe back for the whole month of September? We can use his availability as a launching point. Also copying in OST government affairs for visibility.

And Joe – Congratulations!

Best,

Ryan

From: Hess, Sydney (Kelly) <Sydney_Hess@kelly.senate.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2025 6:01 PM

To: McCormack, Ryan (OST) <ryan.mccormack@dot.gov>

Cc: Miller, Rachel (Kelly) <Rachel_Miller@kelly.senate.gov>; Russell, Joe (Kelly) <Joe_Russell@kelly.senate.gov>

Subject: Connect re SHIPS for America

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Hi Ryan,

It was great to meet you during the meeting between Secretary Duffy and Senator Kelly in July.

I wanted to reach out to connect you with my colleagues, Joe Russell and Rachel Miller. Joe, Deputy Legislative Director, (b)(6)

(b)(6) Joe leads Senator's Kelly's work on the SHIPS for America Act and the EPW and transportation/infrastructure portfolio. Rachel is lead on SHIPS while Joe is out of office and is the Senator's Military Legislative Aide and Liaison.

Based on the conversation between our bosses, revitalizing the U.S. Maritime industry looks to be a priority for the both of them. We'd like to continue the conversation on this topic and other priorities at the staff-level. I think it's best set something up when Joe (b)(6)

(b)(6) What does you and your team's availability look like?

Best,

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