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Statement on El Faro Tragedy

Washington, DC — Edward Wytkind, president of the Transportation Trades Department, AFL-CIO (TTD), issued the following statement on the El Faro cargo ship tragedy:

“We offer our deepest condolences to the families of El Faro’s 33 crew members, and to all those who called these experienced, dedicated mariners friends and co-workers. These were skilled mariners – and union brothers and sisters – who dedicated their careers to moving critical cargo inside our complex system of global commerce. This tragedy is incomprehensible and as we learn more about it, we will redouble our efforts to raise the bar on maritime transportation safety for the men and women in this industry. It is the very least we can do to honor the El Faro crew.”

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