

**Resolution of the Executive Committee In Support of
Restrictions on Venue Shopping for Maritime Workers**

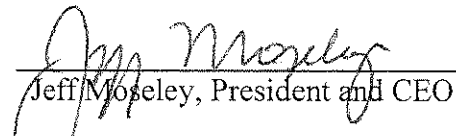
The Greater Houston Partnership support House Bill 1602 which amends state law to provide the same venue shopping restrictions for maritime workers as most Texas workers. As a result of disparity in venue requirements, there have been a voluminous number of lawsuits with substantial monetary damages against regional ports and the dredging industry. Venue shopping results in costly and inequitable damage awards, therefore creating an escalation of costs for consumers, businesses and government.



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