**NOTE:** The following serves asa template for organizers to use when communicating about shipping logistics for events taking place in Q12025 that may be affected by a strike.

**Subject: Action Required: Early Shipping Recommendation for Q1 Event Due to Potential Dockside Strike**

Dear [Customer/Agent Name],

I hope this message finds you well. We are reaching out with an important update regarding potential shipping disruptions that could affect your participation in the upcoming 2025 edition of [**insert event name here**], taking place [**insert date and location event name here**].

Recently, United States dockworkers represented by the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) went on strike, halting operations at various ports. Although a tentative labor agreement has been reached between the ILA and the United States Maritime Alliance (USMX), the current contract has only been extended until January 15, 2025. There remains a possibility that this agreement could be rejected during the ratification process, potentially leading to a resumed dockside strike early next year and causing significant disruptions to container shipments into U.S. ports.

Given this uncertainty, we strongly recommend shipping your containers to the U.S. before the end of the year. This proactive measure will help ensure your materials arrive on time for the event, regardless of any potential disruptions in January.

To facilitate this process, we have [**add any/all specific details here related to the services you will provide your exhibitors in partnership with your general contractor and/or other service providers**]

Please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly with any questions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and we look forward to supporting your success at the event.

For further context on this situation, we have included links to recent news articles below:

1. AP News: "Dockworkers at ports from Maine to Texas go on strike" - This article discusses the initial strike and its implications for the supply chain. [Read more here](https://shared.outlook.inky.com/link?domain=apnews.com&t=h.eJxdjsGOhCAQRH9l4nkVRGycOc2vIDQOEWkDPXE2m_331eveKpWqevXTvEtqHrfmxbzXhxB2z3jUztEmbOHoEoqdCreVS1yxjcm2ntx6UFmx1HbGJeba4qhhQgMyaLCgUQ9K-d5INePcB6Oar1uzXpiMTGUJ3PfTpCRIwbRt391C5I-Yn_h5xTlypFwd5YAFs8NqU4r2FN1ZFSAH6Ufvg5bO6vtk7wa1cqAArAlGi96oaTjnR9MBXGC8wLOjY8fCr8NGxiduWGzy-NmpOz9dMX_F_vu_f1HNXnY.MEUCIEZcxl0lpRtqlGEnCTA8SSMJ1m180kXp9GPPEjElKZlnAiEAkQPtgwF84pxMe6Degn3lci3_W6pzytIXc19WJiICp_4).
2. BBC News: "US ports strike causes first shutdown in almost 50 years" - This piece outlines the impact of the strike on trade and the economy. [Read more here](https://shared.outlook.inky.com/link?domain=www.bbc.com&t=h.eJxdjs1uwyAQhF8l4lwB_gk4OeVV8LKOUTBrwbY4ivruNdfeRqP5ZuYjvnMU94tYmfdyV6rWKucZJNCmEtaiXOYAEYuC4efl9yEfnSXxdRGvhiVkys-Fu26aem20Ytq2t3wS-RrSA481zIEDpQKUFsyYAIuLMbhTyBNVRg_aX71fRg1uvE3uZnHswfTGOLvYUXW2n4az_mqlMW0Y2_AMVHfMvFYXGB-4YXbR47GTPD-1mG-x__7vH_9YT0w.MEUCICo_n5uftYLPFoB7CAS9p5HsojiALnNrQ2wMfhs8ldVGAiEA3pKuj2IW9CmRAS0rsYe4RA5X09GNfbWFNPuU7h5czLE).
3. The New York Times: "Port Union Agrees to Suspend Strike" - This article details the suspension of the strike and the tentative agreement reached. [Read more here](https://shared.outlook.inky.com/link?domain=www.nytimes.com&t=h.eJxdjsGOwyAQQ3-lynkLhKSQ9tRfITBpUAMTwUQ0qvbfF657syz72d_uSFv3uHQr0Z4fnJdSWDzJB8jMYuBSyJH3gouBz0f2EXLmYDFiOPmOia6Zkn_DNR95h-jAsZXC1v1cunfDRiBMr4X6fpqkUIIThnCyF6IrPj7hs_rZk8eYK3OBBNFCNtvmTRWsVrkSg3A355ZRWDPeJ3PXMEqrpFJGL7qe03IaKv6mmVJtGNrwbLHskGgtxhM8IUAym4PPjqx-ajHXYv_93z9MOlq5.MEUCIQCDUNsvm_DuOEj1UTtWBJ8kriF7rP5yQ-9znM2Ddd0VcQIgYdrCxVvVdzm05VCQMqEGG9pdAIwCrH7Fbzx1ibhrWBY).

Thank you,

[Sender name]