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Hon. Bob Goodlatte  
Chairman  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
2138 Rayburn House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Hon. John Conyers  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
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Hon. Tom Marino  
Chairman  
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Commercial and Antitrust Law  
House Committee on the Judiciary  
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Hon. Hank Johnson  
Ranking Member  
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Re: H.R. 870, Puerto Rico Chapter 9 Uniformity Act of 2015

Dear Chairman Goodlatte, Ranking Member Conyers, Chairman Marino and Ranking Member Johnson:

I am writing on behalf of Crowley Puerto Rico Services, Inc. in support of H.R. 870, the *Puerto Rico Chapter 9 Uniformity Act of 2015*, which was introduced by Resident Commissioner Pierluisi. For 60 years, Crowley has been a leading provider of ocean transportation and logistics services in interstate commerce between the U.S. mainland and Puerto Rico. Crowley provides family-wage, tax-paying jobs to hundreds of Puerto Rican American citizens on the Island, and on US Flag vessels throughout U.S. domestic and international commerce.

Crowley's commitment to the Island has not wavered. This has included periods of relative economic growth and prosperity, as well as periods of challenging economic performance. The company is now in the midst of a major capital investment, including transformative improvements to its San Juan marine terminal, and new LNG-powered container / ro-ro vessels. These investments help insure that the American citizens of Puerto Rico will continue to receive outstanding and cost-effective marine transportation services for another generation.

Crowley joins with others in the Puerto Rican business community, and for the reasons summarized in the Memorandum of Agreement signed by more than a dozen trade associations in Puerto Rico, urges prompt enactment of H.R. 870. A legal mechanism is clearly needed that



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will enable an orderly process to restructure portions of Puerto Rico's public debt. Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code provides that mechanism. The alternative is continued uncertainty and the resulting chilling effect on business activity and growth.

Thank you for consideration of our views, and please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about this matter.

Sincerely,



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