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**IMPORTANT UPDATE TO**

**THE PRESIDENT’S FY 2019 BUDGET REQUEST**

**FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

The recently agreed upon two-year cap deal includes updates to some of the President’s FY 2019 Budget requests for domestic discretionary programs. Included among these changes, is **an additional $300 million** for the Maritime Administration to fund the replacement of two of the Maritime Academies aging schoolships **– the TS Empire State and the TS Kennedy.**

This update increases the total request for the Maritime Administration’s Operations and Training account by **$300 million to a total of $452.4 million**. As a result, the total request for the Maritime Administration increases to **$696.4 million. This brings the total President’s Budget request to $76.8 billion for the Department of Transportation.**