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*“To enjoy the fruits of democracy,
The citizens must guard against persons in authority spoiling the fruits...”*

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The Amigos-Marino, Inc. would like to bring into your attention the revalidation of the certificate of competency of 2/E Christian Cueto. 2/E Cueto needed to revalidate his COC from the original **Oil/Chem** Category to **Oil/Chem./Gas**. He took a specialized familiarization / training program for LPG tankers in accordance with paragraph 22 to paragraph 34, Section A-V/1, STCW Code A, “Liquefied Gas Tanker Training Program”.

He served on board as Second Engineer for a period of more than one year in total during the preceding five years. His specialized training in LPG Tanker in addition to his continuous service at sea on board oil tankers and chemical tankers should qualify him to revalidate his certificate to a category of **Oil/Chem./Gas** as per paragraph 1.1, Section A-I/11 of STCW 95.

After thorough review of all the pertinent provisions of STCW 95 such as Chapter V and Section A- I/11, the Amigos-Marino, Inc. observed that there are six possible options available, one of which is sufficient enough, in revalidating a certificate of competency of a candidate. 2nd Engr. Cueto complied on the first option, a service of at least one year during the preceding five years. Please note that being a “supernumerary” (fifth option) that the Marine board required of 2/E Cueto before his COC can be revalidated is not in accord with the internationally agreed procedure. He cannot board the ship as 2nd Engineer without a valid COC at this juncture therefore the requirement of “supernumerary” technically renders him jobless.

The Amigos-Marino, Inc. believes that there is neither malice nor intent on the part of the Marine Board to delay or deprive 2/E Cueto of his employment. Please review his papers just in case its merits were overlooked. He sought Amigos-Marino, Inc. to enable him to be represented formally without risk of getting lost in the technicalities of STCW 95. The employer already approved his credentials as 2nd Engineer on board LPG vessel and presently awaiting the result of his COC release ready to fly him anytime.

Please help; 2/E Christian Cueto is an able citizen, an OFW, a well-experienced and competent seafarer that our country badly needs today to alleviate the lives of our poor.

If we do not help to correct the wrongs affecting us then we should not expect good things coming to us.

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