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Dear Mr. Baldwin:

This is in response to your letter of July 1, 2026 in which you requested a citizenship determination from the U.S. Coast Guard that Wawa, Inc.'s ("Wawa") corporate structure and ownership do not prevent Wawa from operating vessels it either bareboat charters or owns in the U.S. coastwise trade under the Jones Act pursuant to 46 U.S.C. § 50501.

Based upon the representations made in your determination request letter and documents you submitted, including the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws, the Final Executed Wawa Employee Stock Ownership Program ("ESOP"), and Amended and Restated Agreement of Trust for ESOP, it is the determination of the National Vessel Documentation Center that Wawa's corporate structure and ownership structure meet the requirements of 46 U.S.C. § 50501, and Wawa is eligible to operate U.S.-documented vessels either bareboat-chartered or owned by Wawa in U.S. coastwise trade. If any of the representations and documents you submitted materially change, this confirmation shall be null and void.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Christina G. Washburn".

Christina G. Washburn
Director

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