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GOVERNOR O'MALLEY ANNOUNCES RECORD 2012 FOR PORT OF BALTIMORE'S PUBLIC MARINE TERMINALS

Port Handles More Autos and Machinery Than Any Other U.S. Port; Strong Performance Continues to Support More Than 14,000 Direct Jobs

(BALTIMORE, MD) --- It was a record year in 2012 for the public marine terminals at the Port of Baltimore. Key targeted commodities autos, containers, and roll on/roll off (farm and construction machinery) all saw their best years as the Port continued to rebound from the economic recession. Autos and roll on/roll off were the highest amounts in the U.S. In addition to the individual commodities, overall general cargo also reached an all-time high. In total, the port's public and private marine terminals saw 36.8 million tons of cargo cross their docks last year. The total dollar value of that amount of cargo was a record \$54 billion which placed Baltimore ninth nationally for dollar value of foreign cargo.

"The Port of Baltimore continues to prove that it is one of the most productive seaports in the U.S.," said Governor Martin O'Malley. "The Port has successfully withstood a challenging economy and has outperformed many other major U.S. ports thanks to shrewd infrastructure investments, unique job-creating business partnerships, and long-term contracts with major international shipping companies. Now with a new tentative national labor contract, a new 50-foot deep container berth with four supersized cranes, and healthy overall business growth, the future of the Port of Baltimore has never looked brighter. This is excellent news for the more than 14,000 men and women who depend on the port to support their families."

RECORDS ESTABLISHED AT THE PORT OF BALTIMORE IN 2012:

- Autos (public and private terminals):
 - 652,000 cars (***Highest among all U.S. ports*** and up 18 percent from 2011)
 - The previous record was 551,000 cars in 2011.
- Roll On/Roll Off (farm and construction machinery—public terminals):
 - 1.09 million tons (***Highest among all U.S. ports*** and up 16 percent from 2011)
 - The previous record was 969,272 tons in 2008.
- General Cargo (public terminals):
 - 9.59 million tons (up eight percent from 2011)
 - The previous record was 8.96 million tons in 2008.

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- Containers (public terminals):
 - 6.29 million tons (up seven percent in 2011)
 - The previous record was 5.83 million tons in 2011.

- Coal (private terminals):
 - 19.6 million tons of exported coal (up 2 percent from 2011).
 - The previous record was 19.2 million tons in 2011.

The Port of Baltimore is ranked as the top port among 360 U.S. ports for handling autos and light trucks, farm and construction machinery, imported forest products, imported sugar, imported aluminum and imported gypsum. Baltimore ranks second in the U.S. for exported coal, and imported iron ore. Overall Baltimore is ranked ninth for the total dollar value of cargo and 11th for cargo tonnage.

Business at the Port of Baltimore generates about 14,630 direct jobs, while about 108,000 jobs in Maryland are linked to port activities. The Port is responsible for \$3 billion in personal wages and salary and more than \$300 million in state and local taxes.

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