

Congress of the United States  
Washington, DC 20515  
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## WHAT'S IN THE BOX?



### *The Democratic Motion to Recommit is the Cheapest and Most Effective Way to Find Out!*

Dear Colleague:

We urge you to support the Democratic Motion to Recommit to H.R. 4954, which adopts the 100 percent Container Scanning amendment offered by Cong. Nadler, Oberstar, Markey, Harman, DeFazio, Lowey, and Jackson-Lee. The Motion to Recommit requires that:

1. ***all containers must be scanned using the best-available technology***, including scanning for radiation and density (which is done in Hong Kong), ***before the containers are loaded onto a ship bound for the United States***;
2. ***the scans must be submitted to U.S. Government officials for review before the container is loaded*** (which can be done in real-time over secure computer networks);
3. ***the containers must be sealed with a device that indicates if the container is tampered with in transit***. The seal standards require the use of best-available technology, and the standards must be updated when the technology is available to

notify U.S. officials of a breach before the containers enter the Exclusive Economic Zone of the United States; and

4. ***ports be provided sufficient time to purchase and install the scanning equipment. Large ports would be given three years to comply with this container security requirement, and smaller ports five.*** The Secretary of Homeland Security may provide ports with a one-year extension to this requirement if the scanning equipment is unavailable for purchase and installation.

For more information about the Democratic Motion to Recommit, please contact John Doty of Rep. Nadler's office (225-5635).

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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Edward Markey  
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Jane Harman  
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