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Port Shutdowns from Gulf to Atlantic Reported to Take Place February 27

In a press statement released by [The Maritime Executive](#), the International Longshoreman's Association (ILA) have called for port shutdowns across the Atlantic and Gulf coasts to march on Washington and protest reductions in job hires. [According to The Loadstar](#), the action will take place on February 27. [ILA Vice President Kenneth Riley](#) alleges that a number of regulations proposed by the South Carolina Port Authority and the Waterfront Commission of New York Harbor (WCNY) have decreased dockworkers hired in New York and New Jersey over the past few years.

On January 5th, ILA President Harold Daggett announced in a [press release statement](#) that the organization opposes fully-automated terminals: "The ILA will not allow automation to rip apart our livelihoods and destroy our jobs and families." Earlier this week, the ILA pledged their support to the thousands of dock workers protesting at the Port of Algeciras in Spain. As of posting, the press statement has not been released on the ILA website.



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