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## Navigating the East Coast Port Strike: Strategies and Plans to Mitigate Disruptions

### What's on the table:

- Demanding another six-year agreement
- Hyper focused on no automation or even semi-automation
- Salary increases on par with the west coast ports longshoremen.

### Potential impact:

- East and Gulf Coast ports account for 423% of imports
- Upwards of \$3.7 billion moves daily through the port (\$50,000 per container)

### If a strike was to occur:

- It was reported that a one-day strike by the ILA would take five days to clear. A one-week strike in October could cause congestion that would last until mid-November.
- Recovery time from major disruptions can take 3-6 months, depending on the duration and severity of the event
- Port congestion alone can lead to a 20-30% reduction in effective port capacity

### Mitigation Strategies for Shippers:

- **Develop contingency plans:** Prepare alternative shipping strategies in advance
- **Diversify port usage:** Consider routing cargo through alternative ports not affected by the potential strike
- **Build inventory:** Increase stock levels of critical items to buffer against potential delays
- **Explore alternative transportation modes:** Consider air freight or land routes where feasible
- **Stay informed:** Monitor negotiations closely and maintain open communication with your logistics partners