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Mary Nichols, Chair, California Air Resources Board
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Subject: Adopt the Port Trucks and Shoreside Power rules

Dear Chairwoman Nichols and Air Resources Board members,

I strongly support both of the port cleanup rules that you will hear on December 6 and 7. These rules represent very important steps toward improving the health of people who live and work near California's busy ports, rail yards and truck routes. With growth in international trade surging and an estimated 2,400 premature deaths from pollution related to goods movement in California in 2005, we need these important health protections now more than ever.

The port cleanup rules would substantially curb emissions from trucks and ocean-going ships, the two biggest sources of goods movement-related pollution. The measures are critical components of California's "Goods Movement Emissions Reduction Plan," requiring replacement or addition of exhaust controls on old polluting trucks and requiring large ships docking in California to power down very dirty engines and plug into cleaner power sources. These measures will significantly reduce global warming pollutants in addition to toxic diesel particulate matter and smog-forming gases.

Let's make sure that our growing global trade is powered by the cleanest, most efficient engines. Please act immediately to clear the soot- and smog-choked air surrounding California ports and goods movement hubs, allowing those who live and work there to breathe easier.

Sincerely,

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