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**Organizing for
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Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Byron Sher Auditorium
Sacramento, California 95814

Re: 08-2-7: Public Hearing to Consider Adoption of Proposition 1B Guidelines for Implementation of the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program

The Alameda Labor Council is pleased to support the Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program (GMERP) proposal put forward by staff.

This proposal ensures that the funds are distributed in a way that provides the greatest benefit to the residents and workers most impacted by the transport of freight.

Besides voicing our overall support for the staff proposal, there are several specific, positive features that I want to highlight:

- The requirement for equipment to operate 100% within California is completely appropriate because it ensures that California taxpayer money will benefit California residents and workers.
- We support the proposed source category breakout, which helps to ensure that trucks are cleaned up first. As you know, trucks operate closest to residents living in impacted communities making them one of the most dangerous sources of emissions. Also, we want to encourage outreach to independent owner operators so that they have equal opportunity to obtain grant funding.
- The staff did a good job facilitating input in from wide variety of sources. We feel the stakeholder process was effective, transparent, and complete.

We urge the Board to adopt the program put forward by staff immediately to ensure that funding is available for these critically-needed programs.

In Unity,

Sharon Cornu
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

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