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On the Emissions Reduction Plan for Ports and Good Movement
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Good morning, my name is Larry Forester, Mayor of the City of Signal Hill. I am here today representing the 43 cities in the Coalition for Practical Regulation of Los Angeles County. Our cities are particularly affected by the air quality impacts related to goods movement and the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

We support the Air Resource Boards efforts to address the environmental impacts of our local ports and the impacts from goods movement in our region. Our cities also understand that the ports are one of the major economic engines of our region, state and nation. Our communities have undertaken the difficult task of balancing environmental improvements, with goods movement and economic development. We believe that the Air Resource Board must do the same balancing.

Our cities have been particularly active in exploring alternatives and "market based" approaches to reducing water pollution. Taking a page from the air emissions market-trading plan from over a decade ago, we have been applying this alternative to reducing trash found in the harbor and local rivers.

We recently participated in funding, with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, a study on a market-based approach to reducing the amount of trash found in the Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbor. The second phase of the study conducts a pilot program, involving all of the stakeholders – government and private sector.

This market-based alternative has engaged the public and private sectors in searching for solutions to water pollution problems, by crafting a plan that increases flexibility in finding solutions and lowers implementation costs. We believe that in the long run this alternative will prove to be a more effective and a more timely regulation.

We appreciate your first meeting with the State Water Board to review the linkage between air pollution and water pollution, especially in Southern California. This "outside of the box" approach is necessary and a worthwhile development, since the problems of air and water pollution are large and

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involve numerous stakeholders. We urge you to again think "outside of the box" when considering alternatives to the Emissions Reduction Plan for the Ports and Goods Movement.

This "outside the box" alternative exists in the Maritime Goods Movement Coalition's plan for market based trading. It will provide greater near term health benefits, lower implementation costs and be more effective regulation in the long run. This plan can be win-win for all the stakeholders.

Thank you for your time.