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California Air Resources Board

Dear Board Members

My name is Alex Marquez, I live at 140 West Lomita Blvd., Wilmington, California. I am 24 years old, a college student majoring in business management and a new small business owner in website design and website hosting. I am also a member of the Coalition For A Safe Environment.

I am here because the quality of my life has been impacted by the Port of Los Angeles and the Port of Long Beach since I was a child. I have suffered asthma as a child, my parents have rushed me to emergency hospital many times and as an adult today I suffer everyday with respiratory breathing problems due to Port air pollution.

I have never had a clean air day and the Ports, the ships, trucks and trains air pollution is the reason and the California Air Resources Board is the other reason. As a Government agency it is your responsibility to protect the public and to adopt the most stringent rules and regulations to protect my life and health and you have not.

You have allowed private corporate businesses interests to influence your policy decisions that affect my life and the lives of hundreds of thousands of Harbor community residents. What future do I have when you have already estimated that 2,400 innocent people will die each year due to Ports and Goods Movement.

I do not know of one person who has given you or the Ports or the Goods Movement Industry permission to murder me or to make me sick and when I am sick and when I am in the hospital where are you and when it comes to paying my hospital bill where are you?

I also want to speak briefly for a member of my family and a family friend who can not be hear today because they are sick and dying. My uncle Daniel Cisneros a life long resident of Wilmington today is dying of terminal Lung Cancer. Mr. Edward Mora a life long Wilmington resident has been in Little Company of Mary Subacute Hospital for six years has Lung Cancer and has to breath everyday from a tube. Neither of them has ever smoked and neither of them has ever worked in an industrial environment and neither of them have any family history of respiratory problems.

Your Boards past decisions and private business are responsible. You now have the opportunity to do the right thing and to prevent the future loss of innocent lives. I ask you to do three things:

1. Adopt the most stringent air pollution standards in the United States.
2. Adopt a local Harbor Community Plan to reduce air pollution by 90% within 10 years.
3. Make the private business industry pay for pollution clean-up and public health care.