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Hon. Mary Nichols, Chairperson
California Air Resources Board (CARB)
1001 "I" Street
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Application for Proposition 1B Funds for Shore Power at the Port of Oakland

Dear Chairperson Nichols:

As a members of the Legislature who holds great interest in the work of your Board and your efforts to clean up the air and protect our environment, we urge you to grant the Bay Area Air Quality Management District $38 million from the Proposition 1B Goods Movement Emission Reduction Program for shore power infrastructure at the Port of Oakland.

Shore power is critical to both cleaning up the air in support of healthy communities and sustaining revenues at the Port to ensure continued delivery of economic benefits to the region, state, and nation.

It is our understanding that the Port of Oakland, through its Board of Port Commissioners, and the Mayor of Oakland, Ron Dellums, are fully supportive of the Air District's application and that the Port has identified supplemental or "matching" funds necessary to complete shore power installation at the berths funded by Proposition 1B grants. Those matching funds include Port revenues, private funds, and regional, state and federal grants, as available.

This partnership between the Air District, the Port of Oakland, and the maritime industry is what the Legislature envisioned when placing Proposition 1B on the ballot in 2006. The maritime industry plans on spending up to $1 billion to retrofit their vessels to plug into the power grid. Proposition 1B will provide much-needed funding for the land-side improvements of a shore power system. Maximizing Proposition 1B funding for shore power will improve air quality, reduce health risks associated with emissions from goods movement, and strengthen the Port of Oakland's competitive position as an important trade gateway for Northern California and the United States.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and your support of a $38 million award to the Air District for the implementation of shore power at the Port of Oakland.

Sincerely,

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Senator Loni Hancock

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Senator Ellen Corbett

Assemblymember Nancy Skinner

Senator Mark DeSaulnier

Assemblymember Mary Hayashi

Assemblymember Jerry Hill

cc: Hon. Ronald V. Dellums, Mayor, City of Oakland
President Victor Uno and Oakland Board of Port Commissioners
Omar R. Benjamin, Executive Director, Port of Oakland