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The Honorable Mary Nichols Chairman, California Air Resources Board 1001 "I" Street P.O. Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812

Dear Chair Nichols:

I am writing today to express my serious concerns over the recently-released staff recommendations regarding the Proposition 1B Emissions Reduction Program. While I greatly appreciate the hard work and effort that has been put into the bond funding program, and have personally witnessed the dedication and commitment of ARB staff in implementing your agency's various air quality programs, I strongly feel that this staff recommendation falls far short in an area of critical importance; namely, the shore power needs at the Port of Oakland.

On June 1st, I was pleased to be able to attend the ARB workshop in Oakland to discuss the Proposition 1B program with your staff. I appreciated the opportunity to join others from the region in voicing our collective disappointment that the staff recommendation included only \$23.9 million for the collaborative Port of Oakland and Bay Area Air Quality Management District application for shore power infrastructure. As you are well aware, the design and construction of new shore power infrastructure at the Port of Oakland will cost \$114 million in total. This is a tremendous challenge, and the ability of the Port to continue to deliver significant benefits to the region is at risk by dramatically underfunding the Port's application.

Moreover, I am troubled that the Bay Area Air Quality Management District applied for \$38 million for the Port of Oakland's shore power program and received a recommendation for only \$23.9 million over the two funding cycles. By comparison the South Coast ports received their full funding allotment, with all of the funds being made available immediately and not contingent on future prospective bond sales. To the best of my knowledge, ARB staff has not adequately explained the reasoning behind the dramatic discrepancy between the favoring of port-related emissions reductions projects in one region over another, and by extension the health of families and children that live in the Bay Area versus those in other regions of the state.

At the June 1st hearing, my comments to your staff complemented and echoed those voiced by others in our city, community, and region. Nearly two dozen individuals representing a broad spectrum of community, industry, business, legislative, and labor interests came out to forcefully express their disappointment that the application was so inadequate, and to ask that the full \$38 million application be funded for the Port's shore power needs.

I understand that ARB staff will be presenting their recommendations to you at your June 24th regular Board meeting. I ask you to seriously reconsider this preliminary staff recommendation and revisit the Port of Oakland's shore power program request. For the economic, environmental, and public health benefits that this funding will support, this is simply the right thing to do. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this urgent matter.

Sincerely.

Ronald V. Dellums

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