



April 14, 2021

The Honorable Frank Pallone, Jr.
Chair, Committee on Energy and Commerce
U.S. House of Representatives
2125 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support – CLEAN Future Act

Dear Chairman Pallone:

The Port of Long Beach is proud to support the Climate Leadership and Environmental Action for our Nation's (CLEAN) Future Act. In particular, we strongly support efforts to reduce emissions at ports and to provide grants for ports and their business partners to purchase zero emission equipment and vehicles.

The Port of Long Beach is the premier U.S. gateway for trans-Pacific trade and a trailblazer in innovative goods movement, safety, environmental stewardship and sustainability. As the second-busiest container seaport in the United States, the Port handles trade valued at \$200 billion annually and supports 2.6 million jobs across the nation, more than 575,000 in Southern California, and more than 50,000 jobs – or 1 in 5 – in Long Beach. In 2020, in spite of the pandemic, the Port of Long Beach moved over 8 million twenty-foot equivalent units, also known as containers.

The San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP), approved by the Port of Long Beach and Port of Los Angeles (Ports), is a model for sustainable goods movement around the world. Originally adopted in 2006, the plan's programs have reduced diesel particulate matter by 88%, sulfur oxides by 97%, nitrogen oxides by 58%, and greenhouse gas emissions by 19%. In 2017, the San Pedro Bay Ports, which together move 40% of the waterborne goods in the United States, jointly updated the CAAP. The update contains ambitious goals of zero emissions cargo handling by 2030 and zero emissions drayage truck fleet by 2035 with an estimated cost between \$12.6 billion and \$14 billion for demonstration, infrastructure and equipment.

The Port shares your commitment to addressing climate change, clean transportation and energy resiliency and we remain committed to reducing air quality impacts associated with goods movement. We look forward to working with your staff to collaborate and provide any support you may need from our subject matter experts. If you have any questions or if we may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Eleanor Torres, Director of Government Relations, at 562-756-8383 or eleanor.torres@polb.com.

Sincerely,

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