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Dear Members of the Board:

The Port of Los Angeles (Port) thanks you for your decision to engage in collaborative negotiations to achieve our shared goals to reduce emissions from port operations. Further, we share and appreciate the sense of urgency with which we must act. In that spirit, the Port offers the attached proposal – a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) based on actions and commitments the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach (Ports) proposes to make under the San Pedro Bay Port’s Clean Air Action Plan (CAAP) – as the Marine Ports Subcommittee begins its work to produce an MOU for your consideration within six months.

A key feature of the proposed MOU is the assignment of roles and responsibilities between the Port, which agrees to a timely implementation of the CAAP, and the South Coast AQMD, who will work through a Technical Working Group (TWG) to determine the State Implementation Plan (SIP) credit associated with the Ports’ implementation of CAAP measures. The MOU provides a flexible framework within which CAAP actions and associated SIP credit can be identified and agreed to for all equipment categories, beginning with drayage trucks (MOU Schedule No. 1). Additional schedules can be added for cargo handling equipment, ocean going vessels, harbor craft, and rail locomotives; however, any proposed measures, outside of the existing authority under the 2017 CAAP Update will take more time to identify and authorize, provided they are within the Port’s jurisdiction to implement.

The Port stands as committed as ever to the goals of our CAAP and recognizes the need for urgent dedicated action to address local air pollution and global climate change, as evidenced by our Board’s recent direction to advance the Clean Truck Fund Rate and prioritize development and deployment of zero-emission (ZE) trucks. We thank you for your continued support of the CAAP and we look forward to working with your staff toward completion of the MOU discussions.

Together, we believe we can make significant progress towards our common goals and continue to set an example for the rest of the nation and world to follow.

Respectfully,

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