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To the Governing Board of the South Coast Air Quality Management District:

We, the Inland Empire Economic Partnership (IEEP), are writing to offer strong support of the proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement negotiated by South Coast Air Quality Management District (South Coast AQMD) staff with the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles.

The Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles (San Pedro Bay ports) move hundreds of billions of dollars in cargo every year, supporting millions of good paying jobs across the supply chain. The San Pedro Bay ports have had a long-standing commitment to environmental stewardship, consistently demonstrating leadership in achieving historic emission reductions resulting in cleaner air for our communities.

The proposed Addendum builds on the collaborative framework established by the original Cooperative Agreement. Through new specific strategies, the ports will move closer to our collective goal of zero emissions in partnership with our private industry. The three-party Cooperative Agreement was negotiated to ensure that both ports complete comprehensive zero-emission infrastructure plans to address this first critical component needed to reduce emissions at the port complex. The proposed Addendum provides tangible actions focused on new investments in regional charging infrastructure, as well as truck and vessel emissions. These efforts are in addition to the industry leading strategies that have helped the San Pedro Bay ports become the cleanest ports in the world, having reduced diesel emissions by over 90% over the last two decades.

As the ports continue to implement the existing Cooperative Agreement and develop zero-emission infrastructure plans, it is critical that the South Coast AQMD Board approve the Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement. Doing so will help the ports continue to deliver results on cleaner air while supporting jobs and cargo, ensuring a healthier, more sustainable, and prosperous future for our communities.

For the following reasons I strongly offer our support for the Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement.

Sincerely,

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