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Chair Michael Cacciotti
South Coast AQMD Governing Board Members
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Via email: clerkofboard@aqmd.gov

RE: Item 30, Support for Proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement Between South Coast AQMD and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach**

Dear Chair Cacciotti and Members of the Governing Board:

On behalf of the Supply Chain Federation (SCF), we are pleased to express our support for the proposed Addendum to the Cooperative Agreement between the South Coast Air Quality Management District and the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The San Pedro Bay ports are the foundation of the nation's largest and most consequential supply chain. Every day, manufacturers, retailers, agricultural exporters, logistics providers, trucking companies, railroads, warehouses, workers, and consumers across the country depend on these ports to move goods efficiently and reliably. The long-term health of this critical supply chain depends on our ability to advance environmental sustainability while maintaining the operational reliability necessary to support our economy.

The proposed Addendum recognizes an important reality: achieving cleaner air requires more than ambitious goals—it requires the infrastructure and investment necessary to make those goals achievable.

By advancing comprehensive zero-emission infrastructure planning, expanding incentives for cleaner vessels, encouraging greater deployment and use of zero-emission trucks, and investing \$40 million in regional charging infrastructure, the Addendum will help build the foundation necessary to achieve meaningful, long-term emissions reductions while maintaining the efficient movement of commerce.

Just as importantly, the Addendum demonstrates the value of collaboration among regulators, ports, industry, labor, and communities. This collaborative approach has already helped make the San Pedro Bay ports global leaders in reducing emissions while allowing them to remain America's premier trade gateway. Continuing that progress will require practical solutions that bring together environmental goals, infrastructure readiness, technological feasibility, and the operational needs of the supply chain.

The Supply Chain Federation believes the proposed Addendum represents an important continuation of that approach. We respectfully urge the South Coast AQMD Governing Board to approve the proposed Addendum and continue working collaboratively with the Ports and supply chain stakeholders to advance cleaner, more sustainable goods movement throughout the region.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions, please contact sarah@supplychainfederation.com.

Sincerely,

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Sarah Wiltfong
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