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Re: Proposed Rule 1495 Commodity Fumigation Request for Comment Period Extension

Dear Mr. Soltani,

On behalf of the members of the Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA), which include ocean carriers and marine terminal operators at U.S. West Coast ports, I am writing to respectfully request an extension for submitting public comments on PR 1495.

Commodity fumigation is a highly technical subject, and the proposed rule affects many stakeholders. Additional time is needed to appropriately assess its implications and provide constructive feedback to South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD). **Considering this, we seek a sixty (60) day extension of the public comment period beyond the current deadline of October 15, 2026, to December 15, 2026.**

PMSA looks forward to continuing to work together with SCAQMD. Please do not hesitate to contact us at your convenience if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Natasha Villa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Natasha" and last name "Villa" clearly distinguishable.

Natasha Villa
Senior Manager Public Affairs