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L.A. AREA CHAMBER PRESIDENT & CEO GARY TOEBBEN STATEMENT ON THE PORTS' CLEAN AIR ACTION PLAN

The Chamber and our members are in support of green growth at our region's ports. We echo Mayor Villaraigosa's testimony at the public hearing in Long Beach today in which he stressed the importance of growth in jobs at the ports in conjunction with the greening of the ports.

The Chamber encourages the ports to use the new Clean Air Action Plan as an opportunity to develop a strategy that balances port growth with environmental concerns. We have cautioned the ports against setting unrealistic targets that rely on unknown and unproven technologies.

Innovation is an essential part of business, but regulations and mandates must be flexible enough so the private sector can act quickly using existing technology and cost-effective solutions, to begin making progress toward greening the ports immediately.

In order for this plan to succeed, and succeed quickly, we will need to leverage all of our public and private sector resources—including available public taxpayer funds—and develop solutions that will allow tenants, truckers and railroads to appropriately pass new costs onto consumers.

With the plan passing today, it is more vital than ever that the business community and the ports work together in partnership as we move forward to achieve our shared clean air goals.

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