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Dear Mr. MacNeil and Dr. Appy

**Subject: Support for Approval of China Shipping EIR**

I am writing on behalf of the Harbor Association of Industry and Commerce to add our support to the approval of the China Shipping EIR.

Our organization includes more than 100 major firms, employing thousands of local employees, in the engineering, energy, shipping, and maritime sectors. I also serve on both the boards of the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, and the Port Community Advisory Committee.

The Harbor Association supports this project for the following reasons:

- The approval of this project is important for the national and international credibility of the Port of Los Angeles, which has had so many of its projects delayed for more than half a decade. These delays have hurt the competitiveness of our Ports, and our Southern California economy. By approving and completing this project, we can demonstrate to our international partners that we wish to continue the highly successful global business partnership with them in which we have invested so heavily, for so many years.



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- This is an extremely well thought out project, which has been the subject of the most comprehensive planning and review, with an unparalleled level of impact mitigation. While any large industrial project will have impacts, the Port of Los Angeles and China Shipping have done an extraordinary job to mitigate impacts resulting from this project.
- Approval of this project also requires “green” port technologies, which are required as project mitigation measures. These will be developed and produced locally, with local labor in progressively greater volumes. We are working with the San Pedro and Wilmington Chambers, area universities and technology firms to make San Pedro and Wilmington the global center of the port technology industry.
- Our organization includes many of the engineering and construction firms which will design and build this project. The China Shipping project will yield many local jobs, and revenue into the local community, at a time of severe national and regional recession and downturn in the construction industry.

Therefore, we strongly support the Board of Harbor Commissioners in their approval of the China Shipping EIR.

Sincerely,

William F. Lyte  
President