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Subject: Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal DEIS/DEIR Comments

Please see attached comment letter for the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal Draft EIS/EIR.

Thanks for your consideration.

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Dear Dr. Appy and Dr. MacNeil,

On behalf of the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce, I want to express our support for the Port of Los Angeles' Draft Environmental Impact Report and Draft Environmental Statement (DEIR/DEIS) for the Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC Crude Oil Terminal, Pier 400, Berth 408. We commend the Port of Los Angeles for completing this document.

The effects on job and revenue growth from the construction of the terminal are expected to be substantial. The Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation projects 6,300 full-time jobs to be created in the Los Angeles area during the course of the construction. These workers are expected to earn more than \$518 million in wages and taxes and fees will provide the City of Los Angeles \$7.3 Million annually.

The terminal will increase crude capacity and efficiency in the region and will meet the Port's high environmental threshold. The project is capable of handling 350,000 barrels of oil per day. The associated storage facility will eliminate the need for tankers to wait open space to deliveries, reducing idle time. New underground pipelines will mean that no vehicles will be needed to transport the liquid once it has arrived at the terminal. Pacific L.A. Marine Terminal LLC will require all tankers at the new berth to use low sulfur fuels.

The importance of a strong infrastructure to a vibrant economy cannot be underestimated. The Pier 400, Berth 408 goes a long way in keeping the Los Angeles area competitive in energy production, trade, and job growth. We look forward to seeing this project move forward to achieve these goals.

Sincerely,

Gary Toebben
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