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DEAR COLONEL MAGNESS:

THIS LETTER IS A FOLLOW UP TO THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE PORT OF LOS ANGELES' EIR/DEIS CHINA SHIPPING CONTAINER TERMINAL PROJECT ON THURSDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2008 AT BANNING'S LANDING COMMUNITY CENTER IN WILMINGTON. IN MY REMARKS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PRIORITIES NETWORK, ~~IN MY OWN REMARKS~~ I NOTED THAT MY OWN WIFE IS BEING AFFECTED BY THE AIR POLLUTION AND WAS RECENTLY DIAGNOSED WITH REACTIVE AIRWAY DISEASE. I WANT TO SAY I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED HEARING YOUR COMMENTS ON YOUR PERSONAL CONCERNS ABOUT ALL OF THESE MATTERS GIVEN THE FACT THAT YOU, YOUR WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS LIVE VERY NEAR THESE SHIPS, TRUCKS AND ALL OF THIS PORT ACTIVITY AND THAT YOU WILL CAREFULLY WEIGH THE MERITS OF THIS EIR IN LIGHT OF THAT.

FIRST, I COMMENTED ON THE DEEP CONCERN THAT ALL OF US HAVE FOR THE PUBLIC HEALTH THREAT THAT ULTRAFINE PARTICULATES PRESENT TO THE HEALTH OF CITIZENS THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT IS WORTH EMPHASIZING THAT RELATIVELY RECENTLY THE L.A. COUNTY LUNG ASSOCIATION, IN EVALUATING L.A. COUNTY'S AIR QUALITY, GAVE IT ALL 'F'S' AND THERE IS NO NEED TO EMPHASIZE THAT NUMEROUS STUDIES BY U.S.C. SCHOOL OF MEDICINE AND UCLA SCHOOL OF MEDICINE HAVE DOCUMENTED THE SPECIAL THREATS TO THE HEALTH OF BOTH CHILDREN AND SENIOR CITIZENS FROM ULTRAFINE PARTICULATES.

(2) WHILE THE COMMITMENT TO BEGIN PROVIDING CHINA SHIPPING WITH THE CAPACITY TO TURN OFF THEIR SHIPS ENGINES WHILE IN PORT AND HAVE THE CAPACITY TO UTILIZE ELECTRICITY WHILE DOCKED IN PORT IS IMPORTANT, WE AGREE WITH THE NEED FOR A "COMPLIANCE AUDIT" TO ASSURE THAT BOTH THE SHIPPING COMPANIES AND THE PORT MOVE FORWARD ON FULLY IMPLEMENTING THESE AND OTHER PROPOSED TECHNOLOGIES..

(3) WE VERY MUCH AGREE WITH THE SUGGESTION THAT THIS EIR DESERVES MORE TIME TO RESPOND TO THIS EIR. ANY MATTERS OF THIS GRAVITY TO THE HEALTH OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN AND SENIORS SHOULD ALLOW FOR MORE TIME FOR INPUT AND REVIEW.

FINALLY, WE CONCUR WITH THE SUGGESTION OF A SHORTER LEASE FOR THESE SHIPPING COMPANIES. 20 YEARS RATHER THAN 40 YEARS WILL ALLOW FOR REVIEW ESPECIALLY GIVEN THE FACT THAT EVERY YEAR BRINGS MORE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION THAT CONTINUES TO EMERGE.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION TO THESE URGENTLY IMPORTANT MATTERS, ,

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