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April 25, 2019

Los Angeles Board of Harbor Commissioners  
425 S. Palos Verdes Street  
San Pedro, California 90731

Dear Harbor Commissioners,

I would like to share my concerns with the granting of the Level 1 Coastal Development Permit No. 18-25: APM Terminals- Landslide Infrastructure to Operate Battery- Electric Powered Equipment, which would allow APMT Mearsk to transition to a fully automated terminal.

I strongly support equipment upgrades that increase operational efficiencies and reduce the port's air quality impacts. However, upgrades that result in automation can have major and long-lasting impacts on workers, their families, and the surrounding and statewide economy. For this reason, I urge the Board to take into careful consideration the amount of jobs that may be lost and any unintended consequences that could result from this change. Investment made at our ports need to be thoughtful and promote and maintain well-paying jobs.

Prior to taking any action, I respectfully request the Board to conduct a comprehensive economic impact analysis. In addition to considering the economic impact of this permit, I encourage the Harbor Commission to develop a policy by which they can take into consideration job displacement and other impacts on the workforce when considering port investments.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "JF", written over a blue circular stamp.

Jim Frazier  
Chair, Assembly Transportation Committee  
Assemblymember, 11<sup>th</sup> District

