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Dear Sirs:

Speaking as an individual, and not in my capacity as the Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles High School, I believe that the proposed Pacific LA Marine Terminal LLC Project on Pier 400 will be of benefit to the community and to future generations of San Pedro.

The economic benefits to the region are self evident: 6,300 union-labor construction jobs- 230 full-time jobs providing approximately \$518,700,000 in wages to local families; tax revenues that will help solve our state and local budgets- the State of California will receive over \$41 million; Los Angeles County will receive over \$4 million; and the City of Los Angeles alone will receive \$7,300,000.

Also, the project will allow for the economy of scale savings for the transportation of crude oil to the Los Angeles Basin. Larger ships will allow for lower per barrel transportation costs and will help to stem the increasing costs of crude oil to the refining industry. While not specifically benefiting consumers, this cost reduction can only help limit the ever-increasing cost at the gas pump.

Lastly, the project set standards for green growth and requires the adoption of new technology for the future. These technologies are at the core of the curriculum of POLA High School. Everyday, our students study in their classes, the challenges and solutions to Port pollution. This project would be an incredible case study for our students to discuss and learn from and would help bring to life the subjects and lesson plans that they study everyday.

It is for these reasons, I urge you to certify the Supplemental EIR/EIS and for the project to be approved by the Board of Harbor Commissioners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "James Cross", written over a horizontal line.

James Cross