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Chair Mary D. Nichols
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Comments on Potential Expansion of At-Berth Regulation

Dear Chair Nichols:

On behalf of Cleantech San Diego, please accept this letter as one of support for the Port of San Diego's comment and input on the California Air Resources Board's consideration of potential expansion of the At-Berth Regulation. Cleantech San Diego partners closely with the Port of San Diego in support of the San Diego region and the economy that flourishes here. The feasibility and fiscal impact of expanding the At-Berth Regulation is an area of concern for Cleantech San Diego and the implications for trading partners in the U.S. and abroad.

We request that the Air Resources Board delay action in order to seek input from industry experts, both in the private and public sector. Regulations should not be one-size-fits-all, but be linked to available and approved clean technologies. We urge the Air Resources Board to work with the Port of San Diego to learn from those who are developing clean technologies and determine what is possible so that this approach is balanced and feasible. The Port is interested in testing new, innovative technologies that could provide pathways to even better environmental improvement; but for solutions to emerge and be scaled up, the opportunity has to be given.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments, and hope that you and your staff take the appropriate time to conduct sufficient due diligence before making decisions that will truly impact California's air, economy, and the livelihoods of your constituents.

Cleantech San Diego is a nonprofit business organization that positions the greater San Diego region as a global leader in the cleantech economy. We support the cleantech industry by fostering collaborations across the private-public-academic landscape, leading advocacy efforts to promote cleantech priorities, and encouraging investment in the San Diego region. The Port of San Diego is a significant contributor to our region's cleantech economy and is making significant advancements that benefit our region's environment and economy.

Should you have any questions regarding our support, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jason Anderson".

Jason Anderson
President and CEO
Cleantech San Diego