

January 27, 2022

The Honorable Daniel Maffei
Chairman
Federal Maritime Commission
800 North Capitol Street, NW
Washington, DC 20573

Re: Extension of Temporary Adjustment and Long-Term Gate Productivity in San Pedro Bay

Dear Chairman Maffei:

The undersigned organizations request that you expedite approval of the West Coast Marine Terminal Operators Association (WMCTOA) request to extend the temporary adjustment of the Traffic Mitigation Fee (TMF) at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

Since December 1, 2021, WCMTOA has exempted loaded container moves from paying the TMF during the second and third shifts (6:00pm through 6:59am) on weekdays and throughout the weekend. This temporary adjustment was made in consultation with the Biden-Harris Administration as part of a collaborative effort to relieve port congestion by incentivizing the use of marine terminal gates during off-peak hours. On January 31, the adjustment is scheduled to expire.

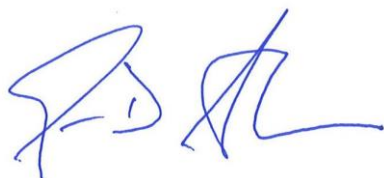
WCMTOA has filed to extend the fee exemption for off-peak hours. To minimize confusion and continue to incentivize off-peak movement of cargo through the San Pedro Bay Ports, we request that the FMC provide expedited regulatory clearance to extend the temporary adjustment without disruption.

Furthermore, while this fee structure is in place, we request the FMC to begin evaluating options for a long-term gate management solution for the marine terminals in the San Pedro Bay, including a proposal submitted by the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach

to assume responsibility for managing terminal gates. We urge the FMC to initiate the necessary proceedings with the aim of 1) improving gate fluidity and productivity, 2) increasing transparency and public accountability, 3) enhancing customer value, and 4) addressing environmental and quality of life issues.

Thank you for your consideration,

Agriculture Transportation Coalition (AgTC)
American Down and Feather Council
Association of Food Industries
Auto Care Association
Autos Drive America
California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA)
California Retailers Association
CAWA-Representing the Auto Parts Industry
Green Coffee Association (GCA)
The Hardwood Federation
Home Fashion Products Association (HFPA)
International Dairy Foods of America (IDFA)
International Housewares Association
National Confectioners Association
National Fisheries Institute
National Industrial Transportation League (NITL)
National Retail Federation (NRF)
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