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Mitch Weiss
Executive Director
California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Port of Oakland Green Microgrid Project – Trade Corridor Enhancement Program

Dear Director Weiss:

I wish to express my strong support for the joint application submitted by the Port of Oakland (Port), the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), and the California Department of Transportation (CalTrans) for a transformative Green Power Microgrid project at the Oakland seaport. This project will create an enhanced and sustainable renewable energy utility infrastructure network at the Port to support the growing base of zero emissions freight equipment users.

This project will improve the resiliency of the Port's utility operations and supports the continued development and integration of zero emissions vehicles and equipment into the Port of Oakland's maritime operations, in addition to supporting renewable energy generation throughout the seaport. The \$60 million total project consists of six substation upgrades for the modernization and of the Port's electric grid, solar infrastructure and battery storage capacity, and installation of heavy-duty electric vehicle chargers at multiple locations throughout the seaport to support zero emissions on-road vehicles and other clean cargo handling equipment at the marine terminals.

What's more, the deployment of heavy-duty EV charging infrastructure serving seaport trucking and maritime terminal users is among the highest priorities identified by West Oakland community stakeholders, including community leaders that have served as the co-chairs of the Port of Oakland's Air Quality planning efforts. Heavy-duty EV charging was identified as a top near-term priority implementation item in the West Oakland Community Air Action Plan ("Owning Our Air"), which was developed by the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and the West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project.

I appreciate your continued commitment to an efficient and sustainable transportation network and thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nancy Skinner".

Nancy Skinner
California State Senator, SD-09