

# Congress of the United States

Washington, DC 20515

July 10, 2024

Michael S. Regan, Administrator  
Environmental Protection Agency  
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, DC 20460

RE: Port of Oakland's FY24 EPA Clean Ports Program Application

Dear Administrator Regan,

We, as members of California's Congressional Delegation, write regarding the Port of Oakland's (the Port) FY24 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Clean Ports Program application. According to the Port, the "Transforming the Port of Oakland to Zero Emissions Project" (the Project) would advance industry and community goals to transition to zero emissions operations and build on a longstanding relationship to meet those goals together as Project partners. The Port has informed our offices that the project is community led, business supported, proven, and shovel-ready.

Per the Port, as the major hub for containerized cargo in Northern California, the Port is a sustainability leader in the goods movement industry, partnering with regulatory agencies, community members and groups, neighboring cities, tenants, and private sector partners to improve the environment, social responsibility, and the economy. Together, with a coalition of 20 Community Based Organizations, Workforce Development Organizations, Marine Terminals, Port Users, and Industry Leaders the Port stated this Project will support emissions reductions and climate adaptation initiatives which will benefit the region's most vulnerable and underserved communities in East and West Oakland; while advancing a community verified and air district supported air monitoring system to measure Project effectiveness and outcomes.

The Port has told us this Project is consistent with and advances plans such as the California Air Resources Board's Priority Climate Action Plan, California A.B. 617, the West Oakland Community Action Plan, and the Port's Seaport Air Quality 2020 and Beyond Plan. The Port's statements propose a Project cost up to \$620 million and include the replacement of approximately 760 pieces of equipment with zero-emission (ZE) battery electric or hydrogen fuel cell alternatives including:

- 482 Drayage Trucks
- 179 Yard Tractors
- 33 Front End Loaders
- 59 Forklifts
- 1 Rail Car Mover
- 5 Reach Stackers

The Port has informed our offices that they will partner with four community-based organizations, five non-profits, ten industry partners, and the Port's local air quality district to achieve the Project's goals – but noted the Project is scalable if less grant funding is available. In addition, the Port stated they will be partnering with three local workforce development organizations to support skills and safety training on how to operate the ZE equipment and vehicles, and distribution and logistics training on the ZE equipment and supporting infrastructure. Another component to this Project, per the Port's application, will be the design and management of a 4-year Truck Loaner Program. The program's

stated objective is to provide access to zero emission trucks to independent owner/operators and small fleets operating in disadvantaged communities, at no cost to the trucker.

The Port of Oakland believes they are proposing a community created and coalition driven project – implementing West and East Oakland community priorities, supporting a long-standing community and industry vision of fully decarbonizing port activities by providing Port tenants and Port users the opportunity to transition to zero-emission alternatives. The Port has informed us that as a result, they intend to advance established emissions reduction and climate adaptation community initiatives which will see actionable and measurable results for the surrounding communities in Oakland.

We kindly request the Port of Oakland’s FY24 Environmental Protection Agency Clean Ports Program grant application be given full and fair consideration, in accordance with applicable laws and guidelines. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress



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John Garamendi  
Member of Congress



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Mark DeSaulnier  
Member of Congress



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Eric Swalwell  
Member of Congress



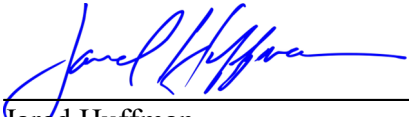
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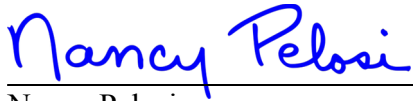
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