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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden  
President of the United States  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington DC, 20500

Dear President Biden:

We write to thank you for your continued leadership in modernizing our Nation's freight infrastructure and for working with all stakeholders—from state and local governments to transportation companies and American workers—to strengthen our supply chain.

As the members of Congress who represent America's West Coast ports, we applaud the historic federal investments in our maritime facilities. Modern ports staffed by skilled workers are critical to the future success of our national economy, as well as to our continued recovery from the effects of a global pandemic.

As you know, our ports stayed open throughout the pandemic and our port workers—working at great personal risk as “essential” workers—moved goods at a record-shattering pace to keep our economy open.

These same essential workers and their employers are now engaged in contract negotiations. It has been over eight years since the parties have met at the bargaining table. The issues covered by their contract are extensive and complex. Federal labor law grants America's workers and companies the right to collectively bargain—a hard-earned right. The law correctly places trust in that time-honored bargaining process to produce the best agreements, reached through mutual consent by the parties themselves. The most recent announcement about significant progress being made in the West Coast port negotiations validates this trust.

We thank you and former Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh and Deputy Secretary of Labor Julie Su for closely monitoring the process, consistently encouraging good faith bargaining, and respecting the effectiveness of and right to collectively bargain.

This recent announcement shows yet again that the parties are bargaining as the law envisions. Our West Coast ports have set cargo moving records and cleared pandemic-related port congestion while negotiations are ongoing.

We look forward to joining you in congratulating the parties on reaching a final agreement in the near future.

Sincerely,



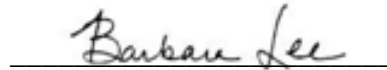
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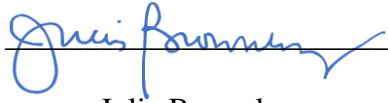
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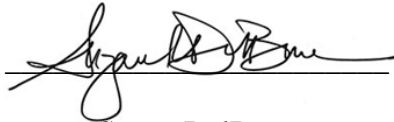
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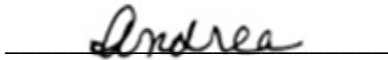
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