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Mr. Robert McEllrath
President, International Longshore and Warehouse Union
1188 Franklin Street, Fourth Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

Mr. James McKenna,
Chairman & CEO, Pacific Maritime Association
555 Market Street, Third Floor
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Mr. McEllrath and Mr. McKenna,

I write today to convey the importance and urgency of finding a fair and amicable settlement between the International Longshore and Warehouse Union and the Pacific Maritime Association regarding the collective bargaining agreement at West Coast ports.

California greatly benefits from international trade that moves through our state's ports, which provide good jobs and significant investment in the California economy. The disruptions to operations is negatively impacting critical economic activity and we call on both sides to immediately take steps to resume full and efficient operation of the ports as negotiations continue.

It is critical that your organizations continue negotiations in good faith to swiftly move toward a final contract that is agreeable to both parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edmund G. Brown Jr.".

Edmund G. Brown Jr.

cc: The Honorable Tom Vilsack, U.S. Secretary of Agriculture
The Honorable Penny Pritzker, U.S. Secretary of Commerce
The Honorable Tom Perez, U.S. Secretary of Labor
The Honorable Anthony Foxx, U.S. Secretary of Transportation