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Division of
Environmental Health

Department of
Preventive Medicine

Cabinet Secretary Terry Tamminen
State of California, Office of the Governor
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Report from "Growing Pains: A Town Meeting on Health and Community Impacts of Goods Movement and the Ports"

Dear Cabinet Secretary Tamminen:

Thank you very much for participating in the Town Meeting on February 25-26, 2005, in Long Beach, sponsored by our Southern California Environmental Health Sciences Center, which is directed by Dr. John Peters. The meeting was designed to discuss the health and community implications of increased international trade and goods movement in Southern California. Our Center investigators presented scientific findings on the adverse health effects of air pollution at current levels of exposure in Southern California, and there were many opportunities for community members, industry and others to share concerns and suggest solutions.

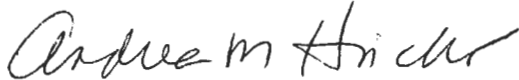
At the Town Meeting, you challenged the attendees to become more engaged in the process underway at Cal/EPA and BTH to develop an "Action Plan" on goods movements and the ports.

The attendees took that challenge seriously and asked that their concerns and recommendations be submitted to you and to the Agency Secretaries for Cal/EPA and BTH. I attach a letter sent today on behalf of the Town Meeting attendees, addressed to Cal/EPA Secretary Alan Lloyd and BTH Secretary Sunne Wright McPeak, along with a set of attachments that were included in the correspondence to them.

Most importantly, attendees recommended that the community and its health, environment and quality of life must be a priority in deciding the Ports and goods movement agenda and they strongly urged that the process of creating a state "Action Plan" be slowed down to provide true community input, open lines of communication, and opportunities for public participation.

Please contact me with any questions and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Attachments: Copy of letter to Agency Secretaries Lloyd and McPeak
Town Meeting Agenda
List of Town Meeting attendees and their organizations or cities
Draft Report of Recommendations from Town Meeting attendees