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Sent Via Email: info@ICTF-JPA.org

Subject: Intermodal Container Transfer Facility Modernization Plan - SUPPORT

Dear Sam Joumblat:

On behalf of the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce, I would like express our support for the Intermodal Container Transfer Facility Modernization Plan. The Long Beach Chamber assembled its most involved businesses and developed a clear and focused list of strategic public policy initiatives for 2009. Two such initiatives align with the Chamber's support for moving forward with the Modernization Plan's EIR.

First, the Long Beach business community must determine which business sectors currently drive our local economy and seek ways to support their efforts. It should be clear to you that both this project and Union Pacific are important components in driving our local economy. For example, when this project is approved and allowed to proceed, it will provide badly needed construction jobs.

Second, we must support our business community's efforts to invest in green technology. We applaud Union Pacific's commitment to making this project environmentally friendly as possible. This project will reduce emissions by replacing diesel-powered equipment with electric-powered equipment, provide additional near-dock rail and container capacity by increasing operation efficiencies and will continue to promote the direct transfer of cargo from port to rail with minimal surface transportation congestion or delays. It will also provide enhanced cargo security through new technologies. Finally, upon completion, this project is estimated to reduce its on-site diesel emissions by approximately 74 percent and emissions of oxides of nitrogen by more than 55 percent, from 2005 levels.

It is clear to us and by reading the Project Description that this project deserves to move forward. Businesses such as Union Pacific and their employees help drive our local economy. They need us now more than ever.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at rwgordon@lbchamber.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Randy Gordon".

Randy Gordon
President and CEO

CC: Andy Perez, Union Pacific Railroad
Blake Christian, Chairman of the Board, Long Beach Chamber
Joanne Davis, Chair, Long Beach Chamber Government Affairs Council
Bob Foster, Mayor, City of Long Beach
City Council Members, City of Long Beach
Pat West, City Manager, City of Long Beach