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Board of Harbor Commissioners
Port of Long Beach
P.O. Box 570
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Dear Commissioners:

The Foreign Trade Association (FTA) is the oldest international trade association in Southern California, having been founded in 1919. Our mission is to promote, foster and encourage international commerce and economic growth in Southern California and worldwide. The movement of goods and the facilitation of trade is the primary objective of the FTA. The members of FTA have long supported green growth, and the proposed Port of Long Beach Middle Harbor Redevelopment Project is a prime example of green growth.

Modernizing old and outdated terminals by installing new technologies to meet today's environmental standards does not only make good sense, it is imperative! Furthermore, the added benefit of creating thousands of much needed temporary and permanent jobs cannot be ignored in today's economy.

We strongly urge the Board of Harbor Commissioners to approve this project so that the construction phase can begin.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Caroline Brown", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Caroline Brown
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