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Re: Appeal of Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility Final Environmental Impact Report,  
approved by Long Beach Board of Harbor Commissioners in January 2018

To Long Beach City Council Members:

I am writing to support approval of the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Port of Long Beach's Pier B On-Dock Rail Support Facility.

This project is vital to keep the Port of Long Beach competitive and meet environmental goals outlined in the 2017 Update of the San Pedro Bay Ports Clean Air Action Plan. The project would provide more track space to connect smaller train segments coming from container cargo terminals, allowing the Port to enhance the use of on-dock rail. Moving more cargo by on-dock rail minimizes the number of trucks on the road, easing traffic and curtailing emissions.

Without the Pier B facility, the Port cannot meet a near-term goal of moving 35 percent of containers via on-dock rail or reach an eventual goal of 50 percent. It is the best option to accommodate future cargo growth and boost economic activity while sustaining 30,000 jobs in Long Beach that depend on the city's port. I urge you to vote to uphold approval of the EIR by the Harbor Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alan Lowenthal".

Alan Lowenthal  
Member of Congress