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**California Trucking Association Issues Statement In Support Of American  
Trucking Associations Port Lawsuit**

West Sacramento, CA – The California Trucking Association (CTA) released the following statement following the American Trucking Associations filing of a lawsuit that is calling for a preliminary injunction and pointing to infringements made by the ports that directly impede the flow of interstate commerce:

“The California Trucking Association supports the American Trucking Associations filing a lawsuit today calling for a preliminary injunction against the port enforcing the October 1 start date. CTA has tried to work with the ports to craft a sensible solution that would achieve the goal of reducing emissions without disrupting California’s robust goods movement system,” stated Julie Sauls, spokesperson for CTA, “unfortunately, the ports chose to adopt a concession plan and employee mandates that run counter to that goal, if the ultimate goal is to reduce emissions from trucks, then why would clean trucks be prohibited from entering the ports?”

CTA has worked for years to find and implement solutions that both clean the air and keep goods moving through California and beyond. Members of the association have partnered with independent owner operators to meet the ever growing demands to transport containers in and out of the ports.

One out of every seven jobs in southern California depends upon goods and services. The Ports’ Clean Trucks Program contains elements that are opposite of the ultimate goal, which is to reduce emissions. This is particularly true for the Program’s provision that allows only employee-based carriers to participate in the Program and place prohibitive limitations with a concession plan. If implemented this provision would displace thousands of independent owner-operators who currently operate at the ports, force smaller trucking companies out of business and eliminate thousands of additional non-driver jobs at these companies.

The California Trucking Association remains committed towards the goal of cleaning the air and a solution to the problem that would apply consistent environmental standards to all trucks that operate within the state. CTA is ready and willing to seek solutions towards emissions reductions.

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