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Cleaner Ports, Cleaner Trucks, Healthy Communities

Issue: As global trade increases, traffic at our nation's ports has skyrocketed. Billions of dollars have been spent to expand our infrastructure to smooth the way for the movement of goods to consumer centers around the country. After being offloaded from ships, the lion's share of these goods are transported by heavy-duty trucks, oftentimes directly through environmental justice communities. An effective regulatory framework for reducing emissions from these trucks must be established on a nation-wide scale to insure that local ports and states which take progressive steps are not put at a competitive disadvantage.

A federal Clean Port Trucks Plan should include:

- Require all trucks serving our nation's ports to meet basic emission standards. Following the California Air Resources Board's example, pre-1994 trucks should be phased out completely. Newer trucks should be required to install filters which significantly reduce particulate matter emissions in the near-term. All trucks should be required to meet progressive standards such as those adopted by CARB on December 12, 2008 over the next five years.
- Grant funds and low- or no- interest loans should be made available to all truck owners to off-set the cost of retrofits, repowers and replacements.
- Local ports should be granted the regulatory power and obligated to enforce federal Clean Truck standards.
- States and local ports should be granted the regulatory power to create stricter regulations that go beyond federal standards. Federal incentives should be provided for such programs.
- Significant funds should be allocated for research and development of new technologies that can further minimize emissions from trucks serving the nation's ports.

