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*****Harbor Trucking Association Responds to California State Legislature Joint
Hearing on Ports and Goods Movement *****

Sacramento, CA - Today, under the leadership of Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell and Senator Lena Gonzalez, a joint legislative hearing on ports and goods movement offered stakeholders across the supply chain and the public sector an opportunity to provide comment on the recent challenges being experienced by all modes.

"It is clear these challenges leading to the supply chain back up are complex and the solutions appear even more complex, so it is understandable that the hearing exceeded four hours" observed Matt Schrap, CEO of the Harbor Trucking Association. "Of course, the mere fact that the legislature wants to bring these issues into the public sphere is a good thing, but it is important to recognize that drilling down below the surface is the only way to get to the core issues."

Schrap continued, "While of course there is no easy fix, it is definitely not about a driver shortage here in the San Pedro Bay harbor complex. For our members, the main contributor is and continues to be about the return of empty containers back into the harbor to free up chassis to move imports off dock."

"No matter how much misdirection and obfuscation officials want to throw at the empty return issue, until it is seriously recognized and addressed, we will not see the import movement the White House is looking for."

"Our organization looks forward to further discussions with public officials and our partner organizations to work towards sensible approaches for clearing this backlog while also creating lasting efficiency improvements that will move us through any future crisis."

The Harbor Trucking Association is a not-for-profit trade association representing intermodal drayage carriers serving America's west coast ports. The mission of HTA is to advocate, educate and promote strategies with other goods movement stakeholders to decision makers and public officials in order to formulate sound policies that sustain emission reductions, provide a dialogue for intermodal truck efficiency and to return cargo and jobs to America's west coast ports.

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