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*****Harbor Trucking Association Requests Port Authorities of Los Angeles and Long Beach Engage Stakeholders to Create a Complex-Wide Appointment System*****

Long Beach, CA- In a January 25th letter addressed to Gene Seroka, Executive Director of the Port of Los Angeles (POLA), and Mario Cordero, Executive Director of the Port of Long Beach (POLB), the Harbor Trucking Association (HTA) and the California Trucking Association (CTA) have requested that both Ports work together with motor carrier stakeholders to create a pilot program for a single, inter-operable, complex-wide truck appointment system.

Matt Schrap, CEO of HTA and Eric Sauer, CEO of CTA observed in the letter, “Currently, motor carriers are forced to work between several different platforms to secure appointments” continuing “There is not a single, inter-operable system to locate appointment availability for future bookings in the [Port] complex. Nor is there central location to aggregate appointments once they have been booked”.

HTA and CTA were clear that a single appointment system would result in lower costs and greater productivity across the 12 container terminals in the POLA/POLB port complex, pointing to the fact that, with a single universal booking platform “motor carriers will no longer expend resources and time navigating as many as seven unique appointment systems for container movement at the harbor complex.”

Both Associations feel that implementation of the single interoperable appointment system will be a “game changer for the Port complex” and the effort to build the system would be “a clear signal to the supply chain ecosystem that both Ports are committed to implementing operational enhancements that will result in increased productivity.”

The letter concluded, “The world is watching the supply chain and the time to act is now. It is possible that there will not be a better time to embark on this voyage.”

About HTA: *The Harbor Trucking Association is the nation’s leading drayage-specific, solutions-based, trade association actively serving America’s supply-chain professionals. Our mission is to represent the interests of and provide services to intermodal and drayage companies and related entities by advocating, educating, and promoting strategies with other goods movement stakeholders and policy makers that will sustain emission reductions, provide a dialog for intermodal truck efficiency, and protect the economic vitality of cargo and jobs.*

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