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**Statement from Kate Atkins, director of the Garden State Alliance for a New Economy,  
on the one-year anniversary of the Los Angeles Clean Truck Program**

“Last year, the City of Los Angeles and its Board of Harbor Commissioners took a critical step forward for working families impacted by a highly-polluting port trucking system. By enacting a comprehensive long-term solution that addressed backwards economics in the industry the Clean Trucks Program built a roadmap for similar successes in ports around the country – including the Ports of New York and New Jersey.

“The current system of port trucking has been a disaster for local harbor communities and the 88,000 port drivers around the country, just as an erosion in labor standards and enforcement have put more and more workers in temporary and contingent work arrangements that often leave them without health insurance and basic workplace protections, like worker’s compensation.

“It is no surprise that the same industry lobby that has long trampled on worker’s rights is now trying to legally block this successful program from moving forward.

“The Garden State Alliance for a New Economy calls on Congress to defend the rights of local jurisdictions to set high standards for clean air and for workplace protections by updating the woefully outdated FAAA to meet 21<sup>st</sup> century needs.”

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