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The Office of Congressman Jerrald Nadler
2334 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Re: The Apollo Alliance's Support for The Clean Ports Act of 2010

Dear Congressman Nadler,

I am writing on behalf of the Apollo Alliance to express our support for The Clean Ports Act of 2010, which we believe is an important step towards cleaner and healthier ports in the United States.

The Apollo Alliance is a national coalition of business, labor, environmental and community leaders dedicated to advancing a clean energy, good jobs economy. As part of this work, we focus on advancing federal, state and local policies that promote advanced transportation and freight technologies, the domestic manufacture of those technologies, and workforce development strategies to link American workers to employment opportunities in a clean energy economy. By advancing these policies we hope to move America towards energy independence, climate stability, and broadly shared economic prosperity.

The air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions from our nation's ports have serious human health impacts and contribute to longer term environmental problems like climate change. Cleaning up our ports presents a three-fold opportunity for healthier communities, reduced greenhouse gas emissions, and significant clean energy job creation for clean truck manufacturers, component parts suppliers, retrofitters, and drivers. Initiatives by the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are demonstrating these benefits and we believe that federal policies that address the legal challenges they have faced, and that facilitate the widespread adoption of similar initiatives, are long overdue.

In Apollo's forthcoming Transportation Manufacturing Action Plan, we call for an amendment to the Federal Motor Carrier Act to allow states, cities, and port governing bodies to regulate the emissions of trucks coming in and out of port facilities and promote the expansion of successful green ports initiatives. This bill directly advances this recommendation and would like to express our full support for its immediate passage.

We thank you for your leadership on this important issue and look forward to opportunities for collaboration. Please let us know if you would like us to express our support directly to any of your House or Senate colleagues and don't hesitate to contact Matt Mayrl, the Apollo Alliance's Policy Director at 415-371-1700 x202 or mayrl@apolloalliance.org, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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