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Ms. Jennifer Keller  
Office of Transportation and Air Quality  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
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Dear Ms. Keller:

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for the Port of Hueneme's Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grant application for the Phase II Shore Power Infrastructure Project. The project significantly reduces at berth diesel emissions from ocean going vessels. Additionally, the Port of Hueneme is within an EPA designated priority location and the project is eligible for funding.

The Port of Hueneme is seeking US EPA DERA grant funding for state of the art electrical infrastructure allowing ocean going vessels to shut down their diesel auxiliary engines eliminating diesel emissions while at berth and plug into shore power. The project includes the procurement and installation of a third transformer and switchgear, thus completing the shoreside power infrastructure upgrades to Wharf 1. The ability to electrify three berths simultaneously provides additional capacity at the Port of Hueneme while reducing at-berth vessel emissions.

The project includes:

- Significant projected lifetime emission reductions including:
  - 17 short tons of PM reductions
  - 1,025 short tons of NO<sub>x</sub> reductions
  - 65 short tons of CO reductions
  - 27 short tons of HC reductions
  - 28,433 short tons of CO<sub>2</sub> reductions
- Reduced diesel fuel use by at least 67,458 gallons each year; 1,888,817 gallons over the project lifetime
- Compliance with the IEC/ISO/IEEE 80005-1 international standard for shore power
- Increased capacity and competitiveness spurring economic growth in Ventura County, CA

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The Port of Hueneme is a connection to world markets and serves as a priority gateway for the Western U.S. and Canada. As a US Port of Entry, the Port of Hueneme supports the transport of over \$7 billion in cargo, generates a \$1 billion economic impact, and provides more than 9,400 direct, indirect, induced and influenced jobs regionally. The Port of Hueneme handles over 1.35 million metric tons of cargo transported by over 1,000 deep and shallow draft ocean-going vessels. Also, the Port of Hueneme plays a vital role in the intermodal logistics supply chain and is critical to the economic health of Ventura County and Southern California.

I urge you to give full and fair consideration to the Port of Hueneme's DERA grant application. Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Julia Brownley", with a checkmark at the end.

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Member of Congress