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STATEMENT BY MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA IN SUPPORT OF SB 974 TO REDUCE DIESEL EMISSIONS IN OUR PORT COMMUNITIES

LOS ANGELES - Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa today issued the following statement reaffirming his support of California Senate Bill 974 and expressing his disappointment in Governor Sarah Palin's opposition to reducing diesel emissions in California's port communities:

"I am disappointed that Governor Sarah Palin has chosen to put private interests ahead of the people's interest instead of joining the bipartisan coalition of business organizations, environmental groups, local officials and law enforcement in supporting SB 974."

"For far too long the lives and health of people in port communities throughout the world have subsidized lower transportation costs which is why I have urged Governor Schwarzenegger to sign the legislation to help reduce deadly diesel emissions and reduce traffic congestion.

"Enactment of SB 974 go hand-in-hand with Los Angeles Clean Trucks Program where we are working to reduce diesel truck emissions and I applaud the leadership of Senator Lowenthal and the bipartisan support of the California State Legislature in joining this effort."

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