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**Support for H.R. 2723 the National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act**

Goods movement is a powerful economic engine in Los Angeles County, with over 40% of all cargo shipped into the United States coming through the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach. Our region has some of the most highly used goods movement corridors in the country and those numbers are only expected to rise in the future. The economic growth that comes from this increase in goods movement also creates higher levels of congestion and environmental impacts on the communities that surround the County's ports and key goods movement corridors.

Congressman Lowenthal introduced H.R. 2723, the National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act. This bill is an important initiative to provide sustainable funding for improving our goods movement infrastructure. This bill would establish a Freight Transportation Infrastructure Trust Fund. In addition to creating a freight specific formula and competitive grant program for multimodal projects, it would

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create a dedicated revenue source with a proposed 1% waybill fee on all ground transportation shipped within the United States. It is estimated that this fee will generate \$10 billion in annual revenue. H.R. 2723 also sets aside a minimum 5% of funds for zero-emission projects. These funds will spur nationwide planning and investment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, air pollution, water runoff, and wildlife habitat loss.

Los Angeles County has set ambitious targets to move towards a cleaner and greener future for the region. When it comes to addressing the sources of emissions and pollution, the goods movement system remains the largest source on which to direct our attention and efforts. The funds created through H.R. 2723 will support the initiatives outlined in the recently adopted Los Angeles County Sustainability Plan, the County's most ambitious effort to date to combat climate change and address our region's environmental challenges.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to send a five-signature letter to members of the House Transportation Committee stating support for H.R. 2723, the National Multimodal and Sustainable Freight Infrastructure Act, and ask for its inclusion in any transportation package.

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