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Dear Mr. Vollmann,

My name is Scott Taylor and I am the founder and owner of the largest trucking company at the Port of Oakland. It has taken 32 years of blood, sweat and tears to build the most successful third-party logistics company at the Port. In 2021 we will handle 16% of all the import containers coming into Oakland. We have recently acquired business from one of the largest e-commerce companies in the world and we are now in the process of hiring 250 people, of which 90% will be Oakland residents in the 18 – 30 year age bracket. If the Port is brought to gridlock with over 10,000 cars visiting a ballpark on game day, combined with another 6,000 cars frequenting the residential, hotel and commercial development, our customers will leave the Port for other international gateways around the country.

Accordingly, I respectfully ask that you extend the 45-day comment period on the Howard Terminal Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) by at least 45 days in the interest of allowing our community an equitable opportunity to consider and respond to the findings of the DEIR. The City of Oakland has taken over two years to produce the DEIR, resulting in a detailed and complex document that is over 1,600 pages long, not including over 4,000 pages of appendices for review. It is unreasonable to expect members of our community to read, analyze, and respond to such a lengthy and technical document within 45 days. I fear that such a short window would leave the most vulnerable and marginalized members of our community, including those who would feel the negative impacts of this project most, little time to bring to the attention of the city any deficiencies in the DEIR and the project itself.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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