

Support the Clean Ports Act of 2011

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The port trucking industry generates low-wage jobs and high levels of pollution. Nationwide, port authorities have sought to replicate the success of the Clean Truck Program in Los Angeles, but are being deterred by a trucking special interest group that has recently dismantled the EPA award-winning policy in court. Senator Kirsten Gillibrand (D-NY) is sponsoring the Clean Ports Act of 2011 and in the U.S. House, Rep. Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) is spearheading a companion bill ([H.R. 572](#)) with 56 other Representatives. The [Clean Ports Act of 2011](#) will clearly affirm that local ports possess the regulatory authority to enact and enforce Clean Truck Programs that adequately respond to environmental, public health, labor, and safety concerns.

The media coverage, reports, and other materials linked here show why local governments need action from Washington to reduce emissions, create green jobs, improve public health, and help responsible businesses grow and compete as part of our national economic recovery strategy.

Over [150 Organizations](#) Nationwide Support Federal Legislation, including:

American Rights at Work	Ironbound Community Corporation
American Stevedoring, Inc.	Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights
Apollo Alliance	Long Beach Alliance for Children with Asthma
BlueGreen Alliance	Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO
California Democratic Party	National Employment Law Project
Change to Win	Natural Resources Defense Council
Church Council of Greater Seattle	New Jersey Environmental Federation
Center for Environmental Health	New York Environmental Justice Alliance
Clean Air Task Force	New York League of Conservation Voters
Coalition for Clean Air	Partnership for Working Families
Colombia Waterfront Neighborhood Association	Physicians for Social Responsibility
Consumer Federation of California	Service Employees International Union
Crowley Maritime Corporation	Sierra Club
Drum Major Institute for Public Policy	Steel Workers of America
East Bay Alliance for a Sustainable Economy	Teachers Association of Long Beach
East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice	Transportation for America
Environment America	International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Friends of the Earth	UNITE HERE
Green for All	United Food & Commercial Workers Union
Interfaith Worker Justice	Washington Association of Churches
International Brotherhood of Teamsters	Washington State Democratic Party



[Video: May 5th Congressional Hearing Highlights](#)
 Subcommittee on Highways & Transit



[Video: Mayors Mike Bloomberg & Cory Booker](#)
 Protecting Local Clean Truck Programs Nationwide

In the Media: Local Ports, National Problems Require a Clear Regulatory Solution

[How Some Employers Skirt Paying Benefits](#)

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[Port Truck Replacement Plan Flawed, Activists Say](#)

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[South Seattle residents, scientists look for answers on air pollution's health threats](#)

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[Truck Drivers Sue Large Port Newark Trucking Company Over Pay Deductions](#)

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[Op-ed: Must Take Wall Street Trickery Out of Trucking](#)

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[Who's Driving the Driver? Labor Groups Say Their Study Shows Port Drivers Are Being Misclassified](#)

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[Authorities Crack Down on Firms That Misclassify Workers](#)

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['We are at the Mercy of God': Port Drivers Lack Labor Rights and Pay Taxes](#)

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[Unions Want Limit on Firms' Use of Contractors](#)

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[Truckers Say LA's 'Green' Port Costs Them Money](#)

Los Angeles Times, Dec. 7, 2010

[IRS Says California Drayage Operator Improperly Classified Driver](#)

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[Judge: LA Port's Clean Trucks Program Can Proceed](#)

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New York Times, Feb. 26, 2010

Activists, Union Fight for Cleaner Trucks in Newark

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New York Times, Oct. 30, 2009

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Huffington Post, Peter Lehner, NRDC & Carl Pope, Sierra Club, Oct. 28, 2009

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Los Angeles Business Journal, May 25, 2009

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Seattle Times, June 15, 2008

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On the Job with a Port Trucker

Miami Herald, Sept. 30, 2007

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The Leadership Conference on Civil & Human Rights to the House Jan. 31, 2011

NY Attorney General Andrew Cuomo, Supporting Clean Ports Act of 2010 Sept. 23, 2010

BlueGreen Alliance to House Representatives Sept. 20, 2010

Coalition for Clean & Safe Ports Seattle/Tacoma to WA Delegation Sept. 17, 2010

Apollo Alliance to Rep. Jerrold Nadler July 24, 2010

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Seattle City Council to Senator Patty Murray Feb. 8, 2010

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Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz to Chairman Oberstar, Rep. Mica Nov. 5, 2009

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Senator Robert Menendez to Chairman Jay Rockefeller, Rep. Kay Bailey Hutchinson Oct. 6, 2009

Bay Area Air Quality Management District to Chairman Oberstar Sept. 2, 2009

Natural Resources Defense Council & Sierra Club to Chairman Oberstar Aug. 21, 2009

Port Authority of New York & New Jersey to Rep. Jerrold Nadler July 30, 2009

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Port of Los Angeles, Spring 2010

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*The **Coalition for Clean & Safe Ports** is a unique partnership of environmental, public health, community, labor, faith, business, civil rights, and environmental justice organizations that promote sustainable economic development at ports coast to coast to make the port trucking system a less polluting, more competitive generator of good quality jobs for residents, workers and business alike. We are over 150 organizations strong nationwide. Visit us at www.cleanandsafeports.org to learn more about our efforts at the federal level and in Los Angeles, Long Beach, Oakland, Seattle, Tacoma, New York, Newark and South Florida.*