Trade Associations Urge PMA and ILWU Local 26 to Negotiate a Deal and Keep Cargo Moving

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The undersigned associations today urged the Pacific Maritime Association and the International Longshore and Warehouse Union's Local 26 chapter to stay at the bargaining table, negotiate in good faith, keep cargo moving and avoid a strike or other disruption.

The Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach already face congestion from near-record import volumes. A work stoppage would put holiday shipments for retailers and consumers at risk, restrict critical components manufacturers need to keep production lines running, and halt U.S. exports to overseas markets.

The effects of a strike would ripple downstream to truckers, railroads, warehouse operators, distributors and the workers they employ. Terminal backlogs would delay container returns, strain inland capacity and take weeks or months to clear, leaving businesses and communities nationwide with limited access to goods.

We respect the negotiating process and encourage the parties to negotiate in good faith to achieve a resolution that best serves workers, employers and consumers, rather than create further disruption.

About the signatories: The more than 110 undersigned local, state and federal trade associations represent retailers, manufacturers, importers, exporters, agricultural producers, and transportation and logistics providers that rely on the efficient movement of goods through U.S. ports.

List of Associations

Accessories Council
Airforwarders Association (AfA)
Alliance for Chemical Distribution
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American Apparel and Footwear Association (AAFA)
American Association of Exporters and Importers
American Chemistry Council
American Down and Feather Association
American Logistics Association
American Pet Products Association
American Pistachio Growers
American Pyrotechnics Association
American Spice Trade Association
American Trucking Associations
AmericanHort
Arizona Retailers Association

Auto Care Association
Boston Custom Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association
California Building Industry Association
California Chamber of Commerce
California Retailers Association
California Trucking Association
California Walnut Commission
CAWA - Representing the Automotive Parts Industry
Center for Modern Commerce Policy
Coalition of New England Companies for Trade – CONECT
Commercial Real Estate Development Association of Southern California (CREDA SoCal)
Connecticut Business & Industry Association
Council for Responsible Nutrition
Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP)
Distilled Spirits Council of the U.S.
Fashion Accessories Shippers Association
Footwear Distributors & Retailers of America (FDRA)
Gemini Shippers Association
Green Coffee Association
Greenabl Shippers Association
Halloween and Costume Association
Harbor Trucking Association
Hawaii Transportation Association
Home Fashion Products Association
Household & Commercial Products Association
Houston Custom Broker & Freight Forwarder Association (HCBFFA)
Illinois Retail Merchants Association
Intermodal Motor Carriers Conference
International Association of Movers
International Foodservice Distributors Association
International Fresh Produce Association
International Housewares Association
International Housewares Shippers Association (IHSA)
International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA)
International Wood Products Association
JFK Airport Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association (JFKCBFFA)
Kentucky Retail Federation
Leather and Hide Council of America
Los Angeles Customs Brokers & Freight Forwarders Association
Meat Import Council of America
Meat Institute
Michigan Retailers Association
Minnesota Grain and Feed Association
Minnesota Soybean Growers Association
Montana Grain Growers Association
National Association of Manufacturers

National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors
National Cotton Council
National Council of Chain Restaurants
National Council of Farmer Cooperatives
National Customs Brokers & Forwarders Association of America
National Industrial Transportation League
National Lumber & Building Material Dealers Association
National Milk Producers Federation
National Mining Association
National Onion Association
National Retail Federation
National Seafood Association
NC AgriBusiness Council
NCBFAA Shippers Association
Nebraska Retail Federation
Nebraska Trucking Association
Nevada Trucking Association
New York New Jersey Foreign Freight Forwarders & Brokers Association
North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers (NAFEM)
North American Renderers Association
North Dakota Motor Carriers Association
North Texas Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders Association
Oregon Association of Nurseries
Pacific Coast Council of Customs Brokers and Freight Forwarders (PCC)
Peanut and Tree Nut Processors Association (PTNPA)
Performance Racing Industry (PRI)
Pet Food Institute
Plumbing Manufacturers International
Railway Supply Institute (RSI)
Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA)
Retailers Association of Massachusetts
Shippers Coalition
Snowsports Industries America
Society of Independent Show Organizers
Southwest Meat Association
Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA)
Tag and Label Manufacturers Institute
The American Cotton Shippers Association
The Cleaning Equipment Trade Association (CETA)
The Fashion Jewelry and Accessories Trade Association
The Green Coffee Association
The Hardwood Federation
Toy Shippers Association (TOYSA)
Travel Goods Association (TGA)
Trucking Association of New York
U.S. Chamber of Commerce

U.S. Dairy Export Council
U.S. Fashion Industry Association
U.S. Meat Export Federation
United States Council for International Business (USCIB)
United States Sweet Potato Council
Washington Trucking Association
We Pay the Tariffs
Wyoming Mining Association