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Committee on Natural Resources
California State Assembly
Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: No Coal in Oakland Supports SB 1277

Dear Chairperson Das Williams and Committee Members:

The grassroots No Coal in Oakland campaign, a broad coalition of environmental justice, labor, faith, public health, business and community organizations and community leaders and members urge you to vote YES in support of SB 1277.

Our campaign here in Oakland has been working since April, 2015, to stop the shipment of coal through Oakland, and to prevent its export from the new terminal being planned for the former Oakland Army Base property.

We have been aware for over a year that the planned 66 year lease for shipping 9 million tons of coal per year not only puts local residents at risk, but also flies in the face of California’s efforts to reduce dependence on carbon fuels that put our state and the entire planet at risk of the worst effects of climate change.

For these reasons, we support SB 1277 which declares that the proposal to export coal from a terminal at the former Oakland Army Base is a change in the proposed project and requires a public agency with discretionary authority over the export terminal to prepare a supplemental EIR to consider and mitigate the shipment of coal through the terminal.

We urge your committee to vote YES on these bills.

For the No Coal in Oakland campaign and
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