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Committee on Transportation
California State Assembly
Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: No Coal in Oakland Supports SB 1279

Dear Chairperson Jim Frazier 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 1279.

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 1279 which prohibits CTC funding for any project that would allow the handling, storage, or transportation of coal in a bulk port facility located in or adjacent to disadvantaged communities and requires a recipient of CTC funds to annually notify the CTC that the project is not being used to handle, store, or transport coal in bulk.

We urge your committee to vote YES on these bills.

For the No Coal in Oakland campaign and
In Solidarity,
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