Dear David,

On Monday, thanks to the hard work and dedication of activists like you, sending letters, making phone calls, and attending hearings, the Oakland City Council finally acted on its promise to protect the Bay Area by blocking coal exports through Oakland.

Following the release of studies on the devastating public health and safety impacts of coal, the Council has unanimously voted to pass a new ordinance that will effectively block a dirty deal that would have made Oakland into the West Coast's largest coal exporter.

Before the ordinance blocking coal exports becomes law, it needs to get council approval one more time at a second reading on July 19. Send a message today to thank the City Council for standing up for our health and safety, and ask them to approve the ordinance at the July 19 meeting.

The City Council's historic action on Monday prevented 10 million tons of coal per year being shipped on dusty rail cars to a new export terminal planned for the Oakland Army Base redevelopment -- a taxpayer-funded project located on public land.

West Oakland residents, who already suffer disproportionately from bad air quality, would have been hit hard by health impacts ranging from asthma and pneumonia to emphysema and heart disease. By blocking coal exports, the City Council has also prevented climate-warming carbon emissions equivalent to seven average power plants.
Please take a moment to thank the City Council for protecting Bay Area residents and climate by introducing a new ordinance that will block coal exports through Oakland!

Local residents, workers, business owners, and doctors and nurses all agree: Oakland doesn't want or need coal exports. Fortunately, our elected leaders are listening. Send a message of appreciation to Oakland City Council to help ensure that they continue to prioritize public health and block dirty coal.

Thank you for all that you do for the environment and our communities,

Brittany King
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