



August 11, 2014

The Honorable Jean Quan  
Mayor, City of Oakland  
1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Oakland, CA 94612

Dear Mayor Quan,

I wanted to take this opportunity to make you aware of word I am hearing pertaining to possible demonstrations and disruptions which could take place on August 16 at the Port of Oakland related to the arrival of a Zim Integrated Shipping Services vessel. While such possible disruptions cannot be clearly confirmed at this moment, the buzz and chatter are such that this threat must be taken seriously.

My understanding is that attempts may be made to organize demonstrations within the port area itself with the goal of shutting down marine terminal operations, and therefore the servicing of the Zim Integrated Shipping Services ship itself. Should such a disruption be successful, it could lead to a full shutdown of the port.

The California Trucking Association is the largest state trucking association in the U.S., and represents a significant number of trucking companies that provide essential services in support of Port of Oakland operations. While we support freedom of speech and have no interest in the particulars of the geopolitical debate related to the potential demonstrations, the California Trucking Association is very interested in the safety of all workers who provide service into and out of the port, and workers within the port itself. It is critical that port operations be able to continue in a safe and uninterrupted fashion.

I am asking for your help, support and leadership as it relates to this serious situation. Clearly, significant local law enforcement resources are necessary to provide safety to all who require access to the port. Ideally, protestors need to be advised that any negative impacts to safety or overall business operations will not be tolerated. Perhaps the City of Oakland could designate a neutral area where a lawful and safe demonstration could take place.

The Port of Oakland is a vital component of the local, regional and national economy. Cargo owners that utilize the port will be paying very close attention to the outcome of any such demonstrations should they occur. Should operations be disrupted, those cargo owners have many other ports from which to choose. It is vital to the port, and all workers who depend on the port for their respective livelihoods, that the City of Oakland deals effectively with this situation on August 16 should it take shape.

I appreciate your leadership, and again, ask for your help and support related to this serious situation.

Kind regards,

Shawn Yadon  
Chief Executive Officer  
California Trucking Association