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L.A. AREA CHAMBER PRESIDENT & CEO GARY TOEBBEN STATEMENT ON GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER'S VETO OF SB 927

The Chamber and its members thank Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger for his veto of this legislation that would have imposed a \$30 fee on cargo containers without a guarantee that the funds would be used to improve the infrastructure at the Ports of L.A. and Long Beach.

SB 927, which applied only to our region's two ports, was an unfair tax. It would have placed Southern California at a significant economic disadvantage and potentially cost hundreds of jobs.

The governor should be applauded for his foresight in seeing the negative impact that this bill would have had on our economy and workforce.

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