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Dear Ms. Nichols and California Air Pollution Control District Board Members:

Large cargo ships traveling off our coast produce significant GHG and toxic air emissions that impact our coastal communities. Ship strikes also pose a threat to whales. Slowing down cargo ships meets multiple objectives in your Draft Cap-and-Trade Investment Plan including: reducing GHG emissions and other air pollutants, improving public health, and better protecting whales. We support including vessel speed reduction in your Final Plan as a priority for funding and request Cap-and-Trade money be directed to the Vessel Speed Reduction Initiative.

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