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MAYOR VILLARAIGOSA'S STATEMENT ON MAYOR BLOOMBERG AND MAYOR BOOKER'S PRAISE OF THE CLEAN TRUCK PROGRAM AND THEIR CALL TO CONGRESS TO GIVE PORTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY THE AUTHORITY TO IMPLEMENT SIMILAR PROGRAMS

LOS ANGELES- Mayor Villaraigosa issued the following statement after New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Newark Mayor Cory Booker praised Los Angeles' Clean Truck Program and called on Congress to give ports throughout the country the authority to implement similar programs.

"The Clean Truck Program at the Port of Los Angeles has reduced air pollution, increased health benefits to those who live in the region, and removed thousands of dirty trucks from the Port. I'm so pleased that Mayors Bloomberg and Booker recognized the importance of the program and have pledged their support to call on Congress to allow ports across the country to implement programs like ours."

Launched in October 2008, the Port of Los Angeles' Clean Truck Program is a central element of the Clean Air Action Plan, which targets major sources of air emissions at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach - ships, trains, trucks, cargo handling equipment and harbor craft. The Clean Truck Program establishes a progressive ban on polluting trucks, by requiring trucking companies to comply with strict environmental standards, as well as employment standards to ensure the sustainability of the program.

In its first year, the program reduced truck-related pollution at the Port by 70 percent. When fully implemented in 2012, port truck emissions will be reduced by more than 80 percent.

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