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**Maritime Industry Applauds the Emphasis on Job Creation in
Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger's State of the State Address**

Statement by John McLaurin, President, Pacific Merchant Shipping Association (PMSA):

“The maritime industry applauds the Governor’s call to create new jobs and increase the use of green technology, as both of these priorities are key to ensuring California maintains its position as a leader in international trade. California’s ports and marine terminals employ thousands of high-wage, blue-collar workers and create billions in tax revenues and hundreds of thousands of additional jobs throughout the state. With California’s role as a leading global trade gateway threatened like never before by increased competition, we look forward to working with the Governor and the Legislature to invest in our ports, create jobs, and improve the environment.”

About Pacific Merchant Shipping Association

PMSA is an independent trade association representing operators of marine cargo terminals and owners/operators of U.S. and foreign-flagged cargo and passenger vessels at West Coast ports. The association has offices in Long Beach, San Francisco and Seattle.

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