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OCCUPY PORT BLOCKADE WILL HURT PORT TRUCKERS,

NOT WALL STREET

Sacramento, CA – The California Trucking Association (CTA) released the following statement on the Occupy Movement’s plan to blockade all West Coast ports on December 12th.

“The Occupy Movement’s planned blockade of West Coast ports misses the mark and threatens to hurt the very ‘99 Percent’ that they claim to represent,” said Michael Shaw, Vice President of External Affairs for the California Trucking Association. “The hard-working men and women who haul containers in and out of our ports stand to lose a day’s earnings due to misguided attempt to hit Wall Street between the eyes.

“Port truckers, many of whom are small business owners, depend on their ability to make as many trips to and from a port as safely as possible. The Occupy blockade will cost these small businesses several hundred dollars if the group accomplishes their goals.

“The unfortunate impact of this threatened blockade falls on those who are at the heart of the ‘99 Percent’. Port truckers deserve the opportunity to do their jobs without the fear that a drive down to the port may end in nothing more than an empty tank, empty trailer and empty wallet.”

California port truckers and other port employees represent the linchpin in California’s position as a leader in global trade and the 8th largest economy in the world. Blockades and other instability imposed by legislative and regulatory bodies threaten that position by encouraging global trade to flow through other ports in the U.S., Canada, and Mexico.

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