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Dear Mr. Fageaux and Mr. Berry:

It has come to our attention that the Marine Clerks Association Local 63, Office Clerical Unit (OCU) and Harbor Employers associated with the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach are struggling to reach an agreement in the negotiation of new contract terms for OCU members.

We understand that negotiations for a new contract between OCU and Harbor Employers began in April 2010, and that OCU members have been working without contracts for more than two years while negotiations have continued.

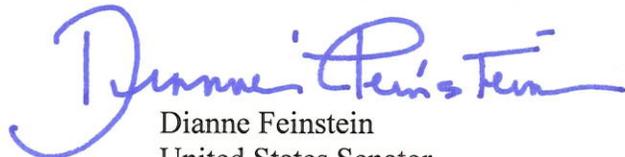
With the fragile state of California's economy and growing competition from other U.S. ports, it is essential that both parties reach an agreement that will protect these important jobs and allow the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to continue operating without disruption.

We strongly encourage you to resume negotiations in good faith as soon as possible.

Sincerely,



Barbara Boxer
United States Senator



Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator