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## The Goods Movement Crisis Impacts Cost of Living, Small Businesses, Jobs & the Environment

The supply chain crisis began with the pandemic, but its root causes stem from years of poor regulatory policies that won't go away without thoughtful engagement. If we don't take action, the disruption to the flow of goods will continue to strain our economy and impact all Californians.

- **Hurting Working Families:** Basic necessities from paper goods, diapers, medical supplies and clothing are sitting in cargo ships. The supply shortage is a de facto regressive tax, driving up prices for those who can least afford it.
- **Crushing Small Businesses:** With inflation at a 40-year high, costs are increasing for small businesses that are also struggling to refill their inventories to meet shifting consumer demand.
- **Punishing Farmers and Ranchers:** It's not just imports that are affected; California farmers and ranchers feed the country and the world. California-grown products are sitting at the ports, waiting to be exported to markets across the globe. Buyers in Japan and South Korea are already looking to countries like Turkey and Iran to fulfill California contracts.
- **Harming the Environment:** California businesses have spent hundreds of millions of dollars reducing emissions from idling trucks and ships. Now, as ships idle off the coast of Los Angeles and Long beach, air pollution is spiking and is worsening environmental justice in impacted communities.
- **Constraining Middle-Class Jobs:** California's logistics industry provides middle-class jobs that often don't require a college degree. However, supply chain problems and infrastructure constraints are limiting growth of these well-paying jobs with benefits.

### The Goods Movement Alliance Is Fighting for Solutions

#### **At the Federal Level:**

- Ensure California receives our fair share of the \$1.2 trillion bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to strengthen our supply chains and prevent continued disruptions in California's ports.

#### **At the State Level:**

- Facilitate opportunities for state legislators to hear directly from all stakeholders to better understand the challenges adding stress to the supply chain.
- Monitor legislation and remove regulatory barriers whose impact on costs on our supply chain outweigh any benefit.

#### **At the Local Level:**

- Educate elected officials and the public about the important economic and community benefits of logistics and warehousing industry.
- Reduce the barriers and permitting time to expedite warehouse development
- Reduce congestion at the ports, on freeways, and in neighborhoods.

**To learn more about the impact the supply chain has on California's cost of living check out the most recent Trade Report from the California Center for Jobs & the Economy at [CenterForJobs.org/ca/trade-reports](http://CenterForJobs.org/ca/trade-reports)**