



MAYOR REX RICHARDSON

May 13, 2025

The Honorable Lena Gonzalez
California Senate Majority Leader
1021 O Street, Suite 8610
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Support for Senate Bill 263 (Gonzalez)—International trade: tariffs: impact study

Dear Senator Gonzalez,

On behalf of the City of Long Beach (City), the City is in strong support of SB 263, the Protecting Residents, Industries, and California's Economy (PRICE) Act. This bill would mandate a comprehensive study on the impacts of recently enacted federal tariffs and potential reciprocal tariffs on California's economy, with a focus on trade activities at our state's ports, airports, and land ports of entry.

As the home to the Port of Long Beach—one of the nation's busiest seaports and a critical gateway for international trade—the City is deeply aware of the effects that shifts in trade policy can have on local economies, employment, and the cost of living. Tariffs can disrupt supply chains, increase consumer prices, and threaten jobs not only in logistics and transportation but also in manufacturing, agriculture, and retail sectors that rely on global trade.

SB 263 proposes a study to be conducted by the California State Transportation Agency, in coordination with the Department of Finance and the Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development to assess the ramifications of recent tariffs across the impacted sectors of California's economy. This includes how tariffs may disrupt trade volumes, state and local taxes, California's economic output, and the affordability of consumer goods.

The findings will provide valuable insights to inform policy decisions aimed at mitigating negative impacts on our economy and local workforce. The Port of Long Beach generates nearly one in five jobs in the City alone, providing well paying jobs and economic stability for thousands of households across the region. For these reasons, the City strongly supports SB 263.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rex Richardson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Rex Richardson
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 65th District
The Honorable Josh Lowenthal, State Assembly, 69th District