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CBIA Warns Potential Port Strike Could Raise California Housing Costs

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Dan Dunmoyer, President and CEO of the California Building Industry Association (CBIA), issued the following statement:

"Housing affordability is already one of the most pressing challenges facing our state, and a strike at the Ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach would only deepen it. The terminals at risk of shutting down handle more than half of the cargo coming through these ports. They handled about 6.2 million containers in 2025, including shipments of materials, fixtures and appliances that go into new homes.

"When materials are stuck at the ports, construction slows, and costs rise. Those added costs don't stay with builders. They show up in the price of a new home and in the rent families pay, at a time when too many Californians are already struggling to afford a place to live.

"The damage wouldn't stop at the docks. An economic analysis cited by the Pacific Maritime Association found that activity at these terminals directly accounted for 50,000 jobs in 2025, supported millions more nationwide and generated $190 billion in personal income. That includes truck drivers, warehouse workers and others whose livelihoods depend on the ports operating smoothly. We encourage both parties to continue working with federal mediators toward a fair agreement that keeps the ports open."

Source for cargo and economic figures: Pacific Maritime Association

About the California Building Industry Association
The California Building Industry Association is a statewide trade association based in Sacramento representing thousands of member companies including homebuilders, trade contractors, architects, engineers, designers, suppliers and industry professionals in the homebuilding, multi-family and mixed-use development markets. CBIA members

build nearly 9 out of 10 new housing units in California, including charity homes, legally defined affordable housing, middle-class market-rate housing, and luxury homes.

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