



**MAYOR ROBERT GARCIA**  
CITY OF LONG BEACH

April 6, 2015

The Honorable Freddie Rodriguez  
California State Assembly  
State Capitol, Room 6025  
Sacramento, CA 94249

**Re: Support for Assembly Bill 22 (Rodriguez) – Office of Emergency Services: oil-by-rail spills firefighters**

Dear Assemblymember Rodriguez:

On behalf of the City of Long Beach, I am pleased to support Assembly Bill 22 (Rodriguez). This bill establishes a program to reimburse local fire departments for oil-by-rail spill response training.

Existing law provides rail-transported oil spill response training at the expense of fire departments. AB 22 sensibly establishes guidelines that reduce disparities in training and equipment for oil-by-rail spills among fire departments. Providing fire departments with the necessary resources not only improves response methods, but lessens the impact of oil-by-rail accidents in some of the state's most densely populated areas.

The City of Long Beach is committed to support safety investments necessary to deal with rail-transported oil disasters. Encouraging local fire departments to send firefighters for this training is one tool to protect the men and women who protect our communities and environment from calamities. AB 22 allows Long Beach to keep our local commitment, and extends training to all types of fire departments across California.

Given these reasons, the City of Long Beach supports AB 22.

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Garcia  
City of Long Beach

cc: The Honorable Ricardo Lara, State Senate, 33<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Janet Nguyen, State Senate, 34<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Isadore Hall, III, State Senate, 35<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Anthony Rendon, State Assembly, 63<sup>rd</sup> District  
The Honorable Mike Gipson, State Assembly, 64<sup>th</sup> District  
The Honorable Patrick O'Donnell, State Assembly, 70<sup>th</sup> District

