



January 12, 2016

Mr. Gerard H. Sweeney, Chairman
Philadelphia Regional Port Authority
3460 North Delaware Avenue, 2nd Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19134

Re: Southport Development

Dear Chairman Sweeney and Members of the PRPA Board,

Green Justice Philly (GJP) is a diverse and growing coalition of organizations committed to building a healthy, sustainable, and economically just Philadelphia region. We join together to oppose the inherently dirty fossil fuel industry that puts our neighborhoods at risk, makes our citizens sick, and does not contribute to our long-term prosperity.

GJP supports development that serves a just and sustainable economy. We promote good jobs, shared prosperity, improved health, and livable neighborhoods. We advocate for a clean energy future based on renewable energy and energy efficiency. We oppose expansion of fossil fuel infrastructure and development. We urge the PRPA Board to reject proposals that include projects that expand the production, storage, or transport of fossil fuel at Southport.

As the recent Paris Agreement on Climate Change makes clear, fossil fuels must play a diminishing role in the future global economy. We urge PRPA to exercise foresight and leadership as our economy transitions its energy base from a 19th to a 21st century economic model.

We hope the PRPA Shortlist for Southport development will not include applicants who propose to build projects based on fossil fuel development. We want the Request for Proposal issued by PRPA to include selection criteria focused on protecting the people of Philadelphia from harmful health effects and safety hazards such as are inherent in fossil fuel operations. We encourage PRPA to favor proposals that promote renewable energy and energy efficiency.

Very truly yours,

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