

April 10, 2019

The Honorable Laura Friedman, Chair  
Assembly Natural Resources Committee  
State Capitol, 1020 N St. Room 164  
Sacramento, CA 95814

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RE: AB-1191 (Bonta) Oppose

Dear Member Friedman,

The Northern California District Council of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, representing Longshore, Warehouse workers, Marine Clerks, and the Inland Boatmen's Union Of The Pacific, and their members from Eureka to Fresno Ca., opposes AB-1191 ( Bonta ), a bill that poses a significant threat to thousands of good jobs.

This bill will eliminate current public trust protections for state property Which will allow The Oakland Athletics Baseball organization to build 4,000 housing units and an additional 2 million square foot commercial office complex, in addition to a baseball stadium directly on the working waterfront in the port of Oakland.

The legislation Fails to address policies to maintain current jobs in the maritime industry in the port area. It does not address a buffer area between the working port area and the proposed residential housing. The bill also is absent realistic solutions to freight transportation congestion.

Our maritime work force represents some of the highest skilled and highly specialized blue-collar labor in North America. We are deeply concerned that the city of Oakland and it's port commission seem to have a new vision of the port that does not include us. This is troubling concerning that reduced port area means reduced work opportunity for the maritime working community. You would have to think that the fact that this plan in even being discussed publicly will be enough to make port customers think twice about using the port of Oakland.

The legislature should not endorse a removal of the tidelands trust from the waterfront property within the port of Oakland or allow for the creation of a housing / office / stadium / complex which is completely inconsistent with the public trust on our working water front.

We respectfully ask that you protect the port of Oakland and our maritime related jobs.