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### **Assemblyman Bradford Introduces Jobs Legislation**

*Bill Promotes New Investments in California's Port Environmental and Trade Infrastructure, Cargo Growth and Ensuring New Jobs and Tax Revenues*

SACRAMENTO, CA – Assemblymember Steve Bradford (D-Gardena) has introduced legislation that would create a new state incentive program designed to encourage new investment in trade and environmental infrastructure at our ports and improve the utilization of our current trade infrastructure. AB 2687 would help create new construction jobs and encourage the development of longshore, trucking, warehousing, farming and manufacturing jobs in California for years to come.

“What California needs now more than ever is steady growth in the creation of new high-wage, blue collar jobs,” said Assemblymember Bradford. “AB 2687 will help create new incentives for the creation of these jobs, and in the process build the infrastructure and environmental improvement projects necessary to compete in the global trade marketplace.”

AB 2687 would create an incentive program where only those trade infrastructure projects and California-based cargo shipments that can demonstrate that they have created a positive revenue stream to the State would receive financial incentives. The incentives would also help to pay for critical environmental improvements at the ports.

“In addition to investing in infrastructure and mitigating environmental impacts, these projects will also grow our state's general fund through the tax revenues created by the economic impacts from shipping and goods movement,” commented Assemblymember Bradford. “This bill will improve the economic well-being of our citizens and our state itself. With AB 2687, we can be fiscally responsible - as the state's general fund is protected – and provide incentives to create jobs.”

Based on a similar initiative recently adopted in Louisiana which was designed to increase port investment and cargo growth, this bill is intended to help California keep its competitive edge in global trade and finance job creation.

“Other states and countries are trying to steal jobs, investment and cargo from California,” said Assemblyman Bradford. “I introduced AB 2687 to create at least one set of tools to fight back against this drain on California’s workforce. I will continue to look for win-win situations where we can fight for jobs and opportunities for our working families, continue to improve our environment, and help alleviate the state’s challenging budget situation.”

Assemblymember Steven C. Bradford represents the 51st Assembly District, comprised of the communities of Athens, Hawthorne, Lawndale, Inglewood, Lennox, South Central LA, Westchester, Gardena, Willowbrook, Playa Vista, and parts of Ladera Heights and West Compton.

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