

Environmental Defense Fund:

“Ship pollution continues to threaten port-adjacent communities across the U.S. and around the world. The Clean Shipping Act is urgently needed to protect the health of port-side communities as well as address the climate crisis. We urge Congress and the Biden administration to act on the legislation now to drive down emissions from the shipping industry and ports.” – **Fern Uennatornwarangoon, Senior Air Quality Policy Manager, Environmental Defense Fund**

Friends of the Earth:

“If the U.S. wants to reach its climate goals, the reduction of shipping emissions is key,” **said**

Terrance Bankston, Senior Ports and Freights Campaigner at Friends of the Earth.

“Furthermore, protecting our marine, port, and non-port communities is vital to that effort.

From New Jersey to Delaware, vulnerable groups lack appropriate protection from destructive health-related impacts caused by obsolete shipping practices. Vessels and their emissions are increasing in frequency and will continue to do so unless clean energy or technologies are adopted. Representative Garcia’s bill best addresses the devastating impacts on the health of nearby vulnerable communities and the planet.”

GreenLatinos:

“We’re proud to support the urgently needed Clean Shipping Act of 2023, which protects Latino/e and other vulnerable communities from further exposure to port pollution and takes important steps to reduce harm from toxic ship fuels. One in three Latino/es live in the top 20% of most pollution-impacted communities, and pollution burdened communities face even more exposure when idling ships wait days to enter port and offload their cargo. We urge Congress to act swiftly in passing this vital legislation and protect our coastal communities from the harms of port emissions,” **said Andrea Marpillero-Colomina, Sustainable Communities Program Director, GreenLatinos.**