

**FDRA President & CEO Matt Priest made the following statement, after President Biden’s speech today on supply chain issues. During the speech, the President announced that the Port of LA and Port of Long Beach would both operate 24/7 to ease the current backlog:**

“We appreciate the President focusing on the current challenges facing global supply chains. In his speech today, President Biden highlighted the difficulty for U.S. consumers to get sneakers and a range of other products. Currently our companies face escalating shipping costs, container shortages, and significant transit delays. In our [July 8th letter to President Biden](#) on behalf of the footwear industry, we explained how these supply chain pressures were being felt across the country. The announcement today that both the Ports of LA and Long Beach will remain open 24 hours a day is an important first step, but more must be done to address these tremendous challenges as we head into the holiday season. The overwhelming majority of the 2.3 billion pairs of shoes we import each year enters the U.S. through these two ports. We look forward to working with the Administration, the ports, and our logistics and supply chain partners to address this serious issue for U.S. companies and consumers.”

**About FDRA:** FDRA is the footwear industry’s voice in Washington. It represents and advocates for nearly 500 companies and brands worldwide, or 95% of total U.S. footwear sales, making it America’s largest and most respected footwear trade association.