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California Air Resource Board PO Box 2815 Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: Proposed Off-Road Diesel Regulations

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a small construction company owner with concerns for both the environment and my ability to stay in business. In the past, I have paid for and participated in other mandated programs that were implemented to improve our state's air quality. It was my understanding that the modifications to my current equipment would meet air quality standards for a many years. Apparently, this is not the case.

I can not afford to keep modifying my existing equipment. I can not afford to purchase new equipment that might need MAJOR modifications every few years. I can not afford to junk equipment that does not meet emission standards for resale in the state of California.

With the increased cost of building products and fuel, it is already difficult enough to perform affordable work. My company is feeling the crunch and the added cost to retrofit my equipment can not be passed on to my customers.

It is my sincere hope that the technology to greatly reduce or eliminate harmful emissions will be developed. In the meanwhile, it is unreasonable to expect business owners to absorb the excessive cost of *incremental* improvements.

I look forward to working towards a reasonable and affordable solution. Thank you.

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