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Regarding the new emissions laws.

To whom it may concern.

I have been self employed for thirty years. I know how to run a business.

I have both on road machines and off road machines. I have 3-4 employees depending on the work load.

If I could afford to always buy the latest greatest machines available I would without question.

However in this business I find the profit margin to be getting slimmer every year, considering the cost of fuel, insurance, taxes, employees and the list goes on.

To buy all new equipment or to go to any great expense to retrofit my equipment could put me out of business.

I replace my equipment as needed, not as desired.

And I cannot afford to always buy new, a machine a few years old with low hours is usually the better choice for the small contractor like me.

Additionally I may have a specialized tractor that only gets used once or twice a month (and not at all in the winter)

To buy a new one could be \$80-\$100 thousand dollars for a machine that earns maybe one thousand per month is bad business and leads to bankruptcy.

I am also concerned about the quality of the air, I have two 8 year old children and fully expect to have Grandchildren.

But, being out of business will not do my kids, myself or anyone much good.

Guys like me put a lot of money into the system.

Small contractors provide an affordable service to the community that the big companies cannot.

If the small contractors like me are put out of business the general public will be at the mercy of those that provide the kind of service they cannot afford.

This surely will not be good for the economy.

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P.S.

There are also new health insurance laws being written up as I write this.

This alone could seriously affect the small business owner.

Everything cannot be fixed at once.