

November 12, 2008

Air Resources Board  
1001 "I" Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

Re: AB32

Dear Air Resources Board,

California's economy is in a "crisis" and it is guaranteed to get worse if AB32, is implemented as is, and is passed by the Air Resources Board in December.

California's economy will crumble and the State could force the entire nation into a depression if this mandate is implemented.

While everyone wants clean air, this draconian measure of replacing all current diesel vehicles goes way too far. By forcing all current owners to 1) retrofit, 2) replace, or 3) remove each diesel engine on the road, the Air Resources Board will be forcing millions of businesses to close and put more workers out on the streets.

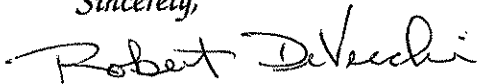
The California Trucking Association and their 3,600 members along with the American Trucking Association is against this measure because it forces truckers out of business.

The costs associated with this implementation is absurd. Their most economical way is to retrofit each diesel engine at a cost of more than \$20,000 each. This alone could cost California schools more than \$1 BILLION DOLLARS. This cost could be fatal to California's agricultural industry. As a small family owned California company in business for three generations, this would surely put us out of business.

Even those businesses that would survive would have to pass the new costs along to the public. Gas is now \$3.00 a gallon, but with the added transportation cost it could be \$8.00 per gallon. The cost of milk would double. Every product in the state would cost more which would guarantee more unemployment, less consumer spending, and less taxable income. At a time when cities, counties, and the state are facing huge deficits, we can not afford to implement these regulations.

California's economy is too important to the nation and the entire world. By pressing California to implement these regulations, a depression would follow. Please use your influence to stop AB32, before it is too late. Please urge the California Air Resources Board to vote NO!

Sincerely,



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