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To: California Air Resources Board

This letter is in regards to the Private Fleet Rule proposed regulations and the effects it will have on me, my family and local economy.

To put this in perspective, imagine for a second, losing one-half to three-quarters of your gross value, including your retirement. I hope you don't have a lot debt. You're the lucky one. One or two of your neighbors will lose it all. Remember, you put every dime you've made into your house and retirement like I put back into my business. There is no hope of a stock market recovery. No federal bailout. No real estate recovery. IT IS GONE.

Now, to keep going, you're going to have to borrow money. A lot of money. The largest amount of money you ever borrowed was probably for your house. Double it. Again, you're the lucky one. Some of your neighbors will have to borrow four or five times their largest amount ever. This is on top of the fact that you might work less hours next year because of your customers lack of water. You also have to convince your spouse to cosign the loan that will take twice as long as normal to pay off.

We are in an environmentally liberal recession where we are paying at least one dollar more per gallon for gasoline and diesel. For my small fleet of ten trucks, that is at least one hundred thousand dollars more per year that I have passed on to my customers, who in turn pass it on to the consumer. Millions of people are in trouble for borrowing more money than they should. Yet this is what you're telling a whole industry to do.

This is very frustrating to have someone else decide what I'm going to do with my money, that I'm going to upgrade next year even if I lost money last year. This type of policy is what made our financial crisis as bad as it is.

I'm a realist. I know we have to clean up th air. My family has farmed in the San Joaquin Valley for over 100 years. I'm the 4th generation with the 5th generation at Fresno State right now. I beg the board to allow the trucking industry more time to comply with these stringent new air rules.

Respectfully,



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President