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December 5, 2008

Mary Nichols, Chair  
California Air Resources Board  
PO Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95817

James Goldstene, Executive Officer  
California Air Resources Board

Monica Vejar, Clerk of the Board  
California Air Resources Board

Please find enclosed the letter I have sent to Governor Schwarzenegger regarding the proposed regulation affecting diesel trucks. I have attended CARB workshops and am concerned with the lack of empathy expressed for the financial effects such regulations will have on Small Business within the California Trucking Industry. No small business will be able to comply with the time table to achieve regulations that have no technological retrofit available or if available, at a reasonable cost.

I am requesting that this letter and the letter to Governor Schwarzenegger entered into the record of your proceedings in this matter.

Sincerely,



Ronald Larson  
Owner, Mother Lode Van & Storage, Inc.  
Registered California Small Business #31587

cc: California Moving and Storage Association  
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November 29, 2008

The Honorable Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing to you regarding the California Air Resources Board and the consideration of the on road diesel truck regulation they are proposing be adopted. This will be a short letter, without all the detail that I know has been included by many who are now writing to you about this subject.

Simply stated, what is being proposed and the time table for the compliance is impossible for a small business to accomplish. By allowing CARB to establish these requirements, they, and you, Governor Schwarzenegger, will put moving companies like ours, out of business in the state of California.

It is unbelievable that the CARB folks have the absolute power to bankrupt our company AND create chaos throughout the state's transportation system without being held to answer for anything except the immediate accomplishment of their environmental charge. How does it work that CARB can create these diesel restrictions when CARB readily admits the technology does not exist for truckers to attempt compliance? How can they state the retrofit might be \$15,000-\$20,000 per truck when CARB has ZERO research to support the estimate?

More to the point, Sir, our company is a qualified Small Business Enterprise in California. We employ an average of 30 hard working employees, we all pay taxes and participate in the purchase of goods and services in California. This will cease if the proposed regulations are enacted. Here's an estimate that works better than CARB's, by enacting these proposed regulations, you will impact at least 1000 small businesses and independent operators in California. You will bring transportation within California to a STOP, which should concern even the CARB folks.

I suppose the CARB can claim real success because a diesel truck that isn't operating won't cause any emissions to be vented into the atmosphere, but they won't be able to measure their success since there will not be enough operating trucks to deliver their measurement supplies.

Please, Governor, stop this unabashed power grab by the CARB. Our Moving and Storage Industry is important and relevant to a successful California future. This CARB regulation, if enacted as written, ONLY guarantees the loss of lifetime, Family businesses (most are qualified small businesses that you claim California needs),

significant loss of jobs (wage earners), Tax revenues (You're short on that NOW), and destruction of the California trucking infrastructure that Everyone is dependent upon.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald Larson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ronald Larson  
President  
Mother Lode Van & Storage, Inc.