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Air Resources Board
1001 I Street, 2nd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Sirs,

I am the owner of Town & Country Event Rentals here in Van Nuys. We currently employ 250 hard-working, full time staff members and operate a fleet of 34 trucks of which most were purchased brand new within the last five years. We are proud of our fleet: they are well-maintained and project the image of our company as they go about the city making deliveries.

I have owned and operated my own business here for more than thirty years and love what I do. Within those thirty years I have put up and dealt with all of the high taxes, workers' comp issues and the ever growing list of State and City "over regulations." Now comes CARB!

"Dreamed up" by the California Air Resources Board based on bogus scientific information to eliminate carbon emissions from diesel trucks over 14,000 gvw and to get rid of virtually every diesel truck on the road today without regard to its severe impact on all business that own these trucks. The State of California is basically ordering me to take my trucks and, over the next few years, scrap them. You certainly can't sell them because who wants to buy an "outlawed" illegal truck. I was recently told by a fleet management consultant that a truck that I paid \$80,000 just a couple of years ago would be lucky to sell for \$20,000 if I could sell it out of state. This is insanity!!

The option of retrofitting is another "brilliant" solution CARB suggests. That only costs \$15,000 per truck and may cause harm to the motor and lessen fuel mileage. What a deal, 35x\$15,000= a whopping \$525,000 that I don't have!! I can't run my business like Sacramento runs California; I have to "have the money to spend the money."

Every politician in Sacramento including the Governor cries about jobs, keeping jobs, we need jobs, let's create new jobs and on and on it goes and nothing ever gets done but to *eliminate* jobs! I have really had it this time; CARB will be the straw that will break my back! If this thing passes, I will seriously consider downsizing and moving my operation the business-friendly arms of New Mexico or Nevada or perhaps sell my inventory and do an early retirement, so the insane State of California can put another 250 hardworking people in line at the Unemployment Office. Please do something NOW—this thing is going to kill us and the economy of this State.

Sincerely,

Richard F. LoGuercio
President – Town & Country Event Rentals

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