

Subject:CA Emissions Plan

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I wish to comment on the upcoming vote to approve this plan.

It is imperative that the government give monies out to the independent truckers. We as independents are already being strapped by the high fuel prices, maintenance and service costs as well as the purchase of tires and repairs. The government needs to realize that companies with a fleet of trucks get "fleet" discounts on fuel purchases, tire purchases, their maintenance and service costs are down as they can do them in house and do not have to go and sit at a repair shop and have down time. The independent trucker is really working for a lot less than drivers who work for companies. However, I don't feel we should have to shut down our business because of government demands.

The government should give independent truckers more of a tax break, make ways for us to make a good living without having to work so hard and long hours. The larger trucking firms are under bidding on the loads as they have so many trucks they do not have to make as much of a profit per truck as the independent.

If the government approves this and does not pay for it, the independent trucker is out for the cost of the retrofit or replacement as well as down time to have it done.

I thought the government was here to help people, create a business and keep it running. The way things have been going for the last 2 years are putting the independents out of business.

I would expect that we receive payment in advance for this work as well as one days income to have the down time.

I really think you should be working with us instead of against us.

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