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Ms. Mary D. Nichols, Chairman  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Nichols:

Support for California Air Resources Board Proposed Regulatory Amendments  
for the Sale and Use of New Aftermarket and Used Catalytic Converters

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) staff appreciates the opportunity to provide support for the California Air Resources Board proposed amendments to regulations regarding new aftermarket and used catalytic converters offered for sale and use in California. The AQMD staff fully supports the proposed amendments since they will provide important emission reductions from in-use emissions of light and medium duty vehicles. In particular, we fully support the sunseting of provisions that would allow for the sale of used catalytic converters. We agree with your staff that used catalytic converters vary in performance and it is not practicable from a cost standpoint to properly emission test used catalytic converters to assure that vehicles equipped with them will meet tailpipe certification emission standards throughout their useful life.

We urge the California Air Resources Board to adopt the proposed amendments at its October 25, 2007 meeting. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call me at (909) 396-2100 or Mr. Dean Saito, Manager Mobile Source Strategies Section, at (909) 396-2647.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barry R. Wallerstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

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Executive Officer

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