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**Clerk of the Board**

**California Air Resources Board**

**1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814**

**RE: Modifications for the Advanced Clean Fleets Regulation**

I write in strong opposition to the modifications of the proposed Advanced Clean Fleets rule as I believe it will continue to have significant negative ramifications on the state of California. Mandating the transition to zero emission fleets, at a time when there is limited and an extremely costly supply on the market for heavy duty ZEVs, a lack of comprehensive infrastructure in the state, and we are grappling with an unreliable grid, will continue to drive up the costs of all goods in the state, and increase the cost of living for many of us who are just trying to survive. I do understand that much of these regulatory issues are done with good intentions but lack sometimes “common sense.” I’ve worked with the CEC & CARB in prior years before retiring and hope logical minds prevail and not the “at all costs “ dogma. I have experienced what happens when there is no power (Northridge & Alaska earthquakes)….it scared the heck out of California government.

The modifications will continue to create immense uncertainty surrounding the availability of goods, many of which are critical necessities, if these ZEV heavy duty vehicles cannot travel at a comparable distance to their internal combustion engine counterparts. Proposed modifications will not address the inevitable breaks or bottlenecks in our supply chains; extensive consequences on the economy, which include shortages and increased price of goods, will result.

The modifications to this proposal continue to be most damaging to our most vulnerable communities and residents in the state. I am still deeply concerned with how the implementation of this regulation, even after modifications, and the corresponding spike in prices for goods and fuel due to the increased costs of operating heavy duty ZEVs, will extensively impact our seniors on fixed incomes, commuters who must travel far distances to get to work because they are priced out of the cities in which they work, and every Californian who will further endure the brunt of increased electrical bills, but most notably, our low-income households.

For these reasons, we must continue to respectfully oppose the adoption of the Advanced Clean Fleets rule as modified.

Sincerely,

**Jim McCaslin**