



# SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION COALITION

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Honorable Members of the California Air Resources Board  
1011 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

**Item 15-5-8: Support for Funding plan for Low Carbon Transportation Investments and Air Quality Improvement Program**

The School Transportation Coalition (STC) supports Item 15-5-8, which identifies \$5 million for rural school bus replacement.

The \$5 million in Item 15-5-8 would reduce exhaust generated by dirty old buses. The exhaust from these buses negatively affects the environment and students as they breathe in these fumes every day.

The appropriation is for small rural school districts. Small school districts have less discretionary funding and generally have higher per pupil transportation costs resulting in difficulties in the replacement of school buses.

This item provides \$5 million to replace buses currently exposing the environment and California's students to dirty emission.

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Sincerely,

Michael Rea  
Co-Chair  
School Transportation Coalition

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Dale F. Shimasaki, Ph.D  
On behalf of the School Transportation  
Coalition