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Mary Nichols
Chairman, California Air Resources Board
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December 9, 2019

Re: Advanced Clean Truck Regulations

Dear Chairman Nichols,

I am writing about the California Air Resources Board's (CARB's) deliberations on establishing an Advanced Clean Truck regulation. I am very supportive of CARB establishing regulations which will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and toxic air contaminants from medium- and heavy-duty trucks in California, and I hope that CARB will set ambitious goals that drive toward significantly reducing or eliminating fossil diesel trucks. I request that as CARB works to establish the Advanced Clean Truck regulations, you keep in mind two pieces of legislation I have passed in recent years that have direct bearing on diesel emission reductions in California: SB 498 and SB 44.

SB 498 (Chapter 628, Statutes of 2017) requires CARB to provide recommendations on "how to maximize the effectiveness of existing [zero-emission vehicle] programs to, expand the use of these vehicles in vehicle fleet use and on a general-use basis in the most cost-effective manner possible that achieves the greatest reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and maximizes improvements to air quality." SB 44 (Chapter 297, Statutes of 2019) was signed into law this October and will go into effect on January 1st of this year. The bill requires CARB and other agencies to update the 2016 Mobile Source Strategy and recommend, "reasonable and achievable goals for reducing emissions from medium duty and heavy-duty vehicles by 2030 and 2050..." SB 44 also requires CARB to work to maximize the reduction of criteria air pollutants and identify regulations that could improve market acceptance of clean medium- and heavy-duty vehicles. ***Both SB 498 and SB 44 show the legislature's intent that the state maximize the adoption of zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) in California.*** I hope that CARB uses this statute to ensure that it is creating regulations to maximize ZEV adoption.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Katerina Robinson in my Capitol office at (916) 65-4009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nancy Skinner".

Nancy Skinner
CA State Senator, SD-09