

California Air Resources Board  
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Dear CARB:

I write as a California resident and a retired Distinguished Professor Emerita of Public Health Sciences. I am deeply distressed with your **lack of action** on one specific, low-hanging-fruit target for improving air quality in our state: **diesel trucks**.

- We are in a **climate emergency** now.
- Diesel trucks are a major source of pollution that contributes to **global warming**.
- Diesel exhaust also contributes to **lung and heart disease and shortened lifespan** in those living near heavy trucking routes such as ports and warehouses.
- The impacts of diesel trucks **fall most heavily on minorities and the poor**.
- The **technology is already available** to replace diesel with zero-emission vehicles.

There are 1.9 million trucks on the road in California. Your recommended rules would still leave 96% of them using diesel fuel. This is ridiculous!

You have an opportunity to recommend regulations that will target 15% or more of trucks, not just 4%. Please act like responsible grownups who care about our state, our air, and our kids, and amend your proposed targets,

We are California - we can do better than that!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Laurel A. Beckett", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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