Dear CARB Board, Staff and others, April 27, 2033

Thank you for your work on the ACT (adopted) and ACF standards (proposed today). I also want to thank all the youth and community members who showed up today and who have shared their experiences and demands for environmental and climate justice so persuasively.

My name is Kathy Dervin and I represent 350 Bay Area’s Transportation Cmt. I am a retired public health official. I’m here today to urge you to adopt the most ambitious version of the AFC rule, and to do so unanimously. Your action will generate great CHANGES and also new OPPORTUNITIES across California and the nation. Your action will shift California away from deadly diesel truck fleets. Your action will also be heard in EJ communities across the state where people live with unjust and constant exposure to diesel truck pollution from truck corridors in LA, the Central Valley, Inland Empire, the Bay Area and regions around ports and railyards in Oakland, Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Diego, Stockton and the Central Valley where pollutants from diesel trucks are highly concentrated.

The American Lung Association’s recent annual [State of the Air](https://www.lung.org/research/sota) report shows that California’s air pollution continues to take an unacceptably high toll on the health and life expectancy on communities of color, especially in the Central Valley, Bakersfield, Fresno and Inland Empire and LA. Diesel trucks contribute to health harming criteria pollutants and climate damaging GHG emissions. As you vote today on this standard please consider how many lives are at risk from BOTH of these kinds of pollution. You must act now to phase out the deadly effects that all fossil fuels have on people and our planet. The IPCC, IEA, UN and many other science institutions are calling for a rapid phase out from fossil fuels. California is working hard to transition our energy system, buildings, cars and light trucks to non-carbon energy and uses. We urge you to act now to reduce and phase out the 100% of the heavy and medium duty diesel fleets.

As the climate crisis accelerates we have very little time left to avert the worst effects of moving beyond 1.5C temperature increase. *Just 5 days ago the Thai government told people “do not go outside” when temperatures reached 129F in one region. Those are the conditions we must now respond to—too much pollution for kids to play outside, like Isabel told you about earlier, or too hot to go outside at all.* We have no more time to delay our transition off of fossil fuels and towards 100% clean energy and being on track for carbon neutrality by 2045. This is a climate emergency and we need to take extraordinary measures to address it.

The ACF Rule, and the resources, investments, jobs, technical innovation and healthier air it will promote, is needed today. The rule must cover drayage fleets, include fleet size of > 10 vehicles, and must limit exemptions for natural gas/renewable gas vehicles. Natural Gas is NOT a clean replacement fuel. You can only really evaluate the need for the strongest version of this standard by comparing it to the extreme climate impacts unfolding around us.

Thank you for taking bold action today and for the further actions that will be needed by the Board, staff, agency partners in state government (like CEC and PUC), business, labor, advocates and community members to fight for a clean transportation and energy future for ALL Californians and a stable climate today and for future generations.

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