



August 30, 2023

The Honorable Steven S. Cliff, Ph.D.
Executive Officer
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
ATTENTION: Clerk's Office

RE: PUBLIC HEARING REQUEST: Proposed Amendments to the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Regulation

Dear Dr. Cliff:

On behalf of BEST-VIP Chauffeured Worldwide and under Section 11346.8 of the California Government Code, I write to request the California Air Resources Board (CARB or Board) hold a public hearing on its proposed amendments to the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus (Omnibus) regulation, per the Board's notice posted on August 1, 2023. We would seek the hearing to be scheduled before the close of the comment period or aim to extend the comment period beyond September 18 to accommodate a public hearing.

BEST-VIP Chauffeured has provided first-class local and interstate transportation solutions since 1985, maintaining a large fleet of sedans, SUVs, Sprinters, midsize buses, and luxury motor coaches serving Orange County, California's corporations, celebrities, VIPs, hotels, meeting planners, and DMCs, as well as service in 500 cities and 50 countries—24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

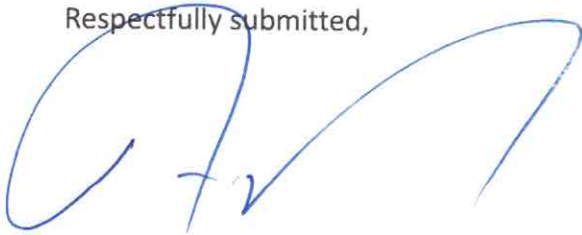
BEST-VIP Chauffeured Worldwide has a vital interest in CARB's proposed action to amend the Omnibus regulation and believes it is essential for the Board to hold a public hearing on this matter to fully assess both the proposed amendments and their impact, as well as the steps leading to the development of these amendments.

The Board's action appears to be predicated solely on heavy-duty truck engine manufacturer product plans,¹ and we believe it essential for the Board to provide for the exchange of additional information from the end users of these engines in a public forum.

Further, a public hearing is warranted to ensure the Board and heavy-duty vehicle operators, such as the bus and motorcoach industry, along with the public, fully understand the impact of the proposed amendments on the end users of heavy-duty engines and, in turn, the effect on the state's transportation network and emissions goals.

For these reasons, BEST-VIP Chauffeured Worldwide requests the Board to schedule a public hearing before moving forward with the proposed amendments to the Omnibus regulation. I may be reached at 714-412-1456 or robert@best-vip.com for any questions concerning this request.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert Vaughan, President

¹ Public Hearing to Consider the Proposed Amendments to the Heavy-Duty Engine and Vehicle Omnibus Regulation, Staff Report: Initial Statement of Reasons, August 1, 2023, p. ES-154