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The Honorable Mary Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Strengthen and Adopt the Low NOx Omnibus Rule

Dear Chair Nichols:

BREATHE California of Los Angeles County (BREATHE LA) encourages the California Air Resources Board (CARB) to strengthen and adopt a strong Low NOx Omnibus Truck Rule. BREATHE LA is a nonprofit organization that promotes clean air and healthy lungs through research, education, advocacy, and technology. For over 50 years, we have been a leader in air quality improvement efforts in California. In October, we launched our End Diesel Now campaign, which seeks solutions to converting the dirty diesel trucks that operate at the San Pedro Bay Port Complex to clean trucks.

The negative health impacts of diesel particulate matter are staggering, and diesel exhaust contributes to Southern California's nation-worst air quality. Given the dangerous health impacts of diesel and the extremely poor air quality, CARB must adopt a Low NOx Omnibus Truck Rule that has a meaningful emissions reduction as soon as possible. Following the adaptation of the historic Advanced Clean Trucks Rule that offers a long-term plan to transition to zero-emissions trucks, CARB should implement a plan for short-term emissions reductions.

Furthermore, approximately one-third of NOx emissions in California are attributable to on-road heavy-duty trucks. Replacing these trucks with clean trucks as quickly as possible should be a priority in a Low NOx Omnibus Truck Rule. We encourage CARB to change the existing 0.2 g/bhp-hr standard to a 0.02 g/bhp-hr standard ideally by 2024 and no later than 2027. A more stringent NOx emission standard in the near-term will put California in a better position to meet our climate goals.

A strong Low NOx Omnibus Truck Rule will continue California's vital leadership in prioritizing public health and fighting air pollution. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact me at (323) 935-8050 x250 or at MCarrel@breathela.org. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Carrel". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Marc" and last name "Carrel" clearly distinguishable.

Marc Carrel
President & CEO

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