



June 20, 2016

The Honorable Mary D. Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
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RE: 2016-17 Funding Plan – Rural School Bus Replacement Pilot Project – SUPPORT

The Small School Districts' Association (SSDA) is proud to support funding for rural school bus replacement, which would reduce exhaust generated by dirty, old buses. The exhaust from these buses negatively impacts the environment and students exposed to these fumes every day.

Small, disadvantaged school districts face many challenges. This funding increases the opportunity for these districts to join the state in leading the nation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and protect students from dirty air.

We strongly support the \$10 million identified in the 2016-17 funding plan to replace buses currently exposing students to dirty school transportation while lowering emissions to protect the environment. Please feel free to contact me at (916) 204-6293 or erin@capitoladvisors.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc: Air Resource Board Members John Balmes, M.D., Sandra Berg, Hector De La Torre, John Eisenhut, Dean Florez, John Gioia, Judy Mitchell, Barbara Riordan, Ron Roberts, Phil Serna, Alexander Sherriffs, M.D., Daniel Sperling, Diane Takvorian