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Statement to the California Air Resources Board in support of proposed recommendations concerning April 24th Meeting Agenda Item 14-3-2.

My name is Chuck bacchi and I am a rancher in El Dorado County, California. I support the proposed amendments defining the Specialty farm vehicle and allowing a delay in retrofit and replacement, and removing mileage restrictions on such vehicles.

Starting in 1856 we herded our cattle on public roads to and from our summer range in the Sierra Nevada Mountains.

For the last 54 years, for reasons of safety and time, we have depended on independent truckers to haul our cattle between ranches.

Due to the narrow roads and short turn radius on the routes available, only the few truck and trailer combinations still operating here on the West Coast can be used. Many of these truck/trailer combinations are older vehicles that cannot be retrofitted with diesel particulate filters due to the limited area available under the attached livestock box, and the livestock boxes and trailers are no longer manufactured.

Most of these truck and trailer combinations are owner operated. They are small businessmen and their age mirrors that of most cattlemen I know, well over 60.

Our industry has to continue moving the many herds in California while transitioning to an adequate number of ARB compliant truck/trailer combinations as these existing owner/operated, limited use vehicles are retired. We are asking your help through this transition.

These unique and limited number of livestock trucks and trailers are absolutely necessary to those of us moving cattle to destinations with limited access.

Thank you

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