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To: California Air Resources Board

Re: Advanced Clean Trucks rule

We at Napa Climate NOW!, a 350 Bay Area group, would like to add our voices to the many groups and individuals that are asking CARB to adopt the strongest possible Advanced Clean Trucks rule.

Promoting the sale of electric trucks in place of diesel trucks will be a big step forward in addressing the warming caused by the short-lived climate pollutant, black carbon, emitted as PM2.5 in diesel engine emissions. Black carbon is a pollutant more than 50,000 times more warming than carbon dioxide. And reducing these emissions by 50% by 2030 (from 2013 levels) is the goal of CARB’s Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Reduction Strategy.

Replacing diesel trucks with electric trucks will also improve air quality and public health. We have learned how important public health is to our communities and our economy during the COVID-19 crisis.

A strong standard for manufacturers is critical for California to act on climate and meet air quality standards, especially in communities disproportionately impacted by air pollution. Considering the health, economic, and environmental benefits from this rule, we urge you to adopt the strongest ACT rule possible.

Thank you,

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