



May 20, 2020

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

Re: Support for Advanced Clean Trucks Rule

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board,

350 Bay Area Action urges you to approve the proposed updated Advanced Clean Trucks (“ACT”) Rule, which will catalyze California’s transition to freight transportation with clean energy.

350 Bay Area Action is a climate education and advocacy organization that works with communities throughout the 9 Bay Area county region to build action on clean energy, energy efficiency, sustainable transportation, land use policies, while transitioning away from fossil fuels and more. We are in a Climate Emergency and your leadership is needed now to ensure the urgent action to reduce climate risks and promote solutions that our communities and state need.

CARB’s ACT rule will require the deployment of zero emissions medium and heavy duty trucks onto our roadways at an unprecedented pace. This world-leading transition will:

- Prevent millions of tons of greenhouse gas emissions from freight transport and help California work towards its ambitious goals for sustained carbon neutrality;
- Decrease harmful NOx and PM2.5 emissions, the latter of which has been shown to exacerbate the health effects of COVID-19;
- Create over 8000 net new jobs by 2035; and
- Strengthen our economy by creating more cost efficient goods transportation, saving \$1 billion by 2040 and benefiting vehicle operators with lower operating costs.

While some fleet operators and truck manufacturers have shown enthusiasm and investment in zero emissions trucks, both groups are largely still hesitant to make significant commitments to this technology due to questions about vehicle demand and higher upfront equipment and infrastructure costs. The ACT rule would send a clear message to fleet operators and vehicle manufacturers that clean trucks are on their way to our roadways. This message will spur immediate action and investment and allow fleet and vehicle operators, along with members of the public, to reap the many health, economic and environmental benefits of clean freight transportation as quickly as possible.

CARB’s own analysis paints a clear picture of the multiple societal benefits realized by clean freight transportation, and the revised rule works to greatly accelerate these benefits. 350 Bay Area Action urges you to approve the ACT rule as written.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hugh Ross".

Hugh Ross, Policy Analyst
350 Bay Area Legislative Committee