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My name is Mike Thompson and I am the owner of Newport Landing Sportfishing and Daveys Locker Sportfishing and Whale Watching in Newport Beach, CA.. I have participated in recreational and commercial fisheries for my entire adult life. This letter is in response to the CARB proposed Harbor Craft Rule.

I am going to be brief as you have heard from many others in the marine community regarding the potential consequences to industrial and recreational small businesses and the associated coastal communities they help support.

Your proposed rule shows no consideration whatsoever for the economic consequences of this action. You will, quite simply, be eliminating many small businesses in what you claim is for the "greater good". Remember we are also part of the coastal population you claim to defend. All you are really doing is putting many people out of work with some demonstrably suspicious data analysis. This is not the way government should operate. ALL downstream affects should be considered and this you have not done.

Telling a small business that their equipment must be retired because they cannot comply to rules that are impossible to comply with is not the way our government should work. The technology does not yet exist and there is no guarantee of when it will exist. Your pipe dream of zero emissions is just that, a pipe dream, FOR NOW.

My recommendation is that you shelve this proposal until there is some progress in a proven technology that will move a vessel through the water efficiently and safely. Your claims of "the technology is coming" is not good enough. The technology must be here and proven before you should propose changes. Anything else is massive government overreach, pure and simple.

With regard to the data that CARB is basing their conclusions on:

- 1 - The stated benefits are greatly overstated.
- 2 - The cost of retrofit or replacement of vessels is greatly understated.

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The data gaps and glaring inaccuracies in your analysis have all been provided to you by others so I will not delve into that here. A lot of very smart people have shown that the CARB analysis flawed in many ways. Bottom line, you are just putting a lot of people out of work and out of business just so you can check a box and pat yourselves on the back. A truly sad situation.

That is all I have to say so please consider a "stay of execution" for the small business marine industries which this rule, as currently proposed, will be crippling. THINK ABOUT IT!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Thompson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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