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The Honorable Mary D. Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
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RE: Funding Identified for Incentives for School Bus Replacement in Rural School Districts – SUPPORT

The Small School Districts' Association (SSDA) is proud to support funding for rural disadvantaged 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 are in support of the \$5 million identified to replace buses currently exposing disadvantage students to dirty school transportation while lowering emissions to protect the environment.

Sincerely,

Debra Pearson
Executive Director, Small School Districts' Association

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