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**Subject:** Support for a Strong Advanced Clean Trucks Rule

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Hi,

I urge you to approve the strengthened staff proposal for the Advanced Clean Trucks ("ACT") Rule. I feel strongly about this rule because the sooner and faster we start the transition to zero emission trucks the cleaner the air in the East Bay where I live will become. or the air my family breaths is worsened daily by the many large polluting tractor trailer trucks that visit the nearby port of Oakland.

An additional ask for the board is to formally commit to timelines for transitioning to electric trucks in California. This will send a clear signal that most trucks should become electric by 2040.

While some industry groups and politicians are asking for a delay our community feels that delay would be irresponsible. Our health and the climate crisis cannot wait. Indeed the current pandemic has highlighted the increased health risks that those breathing polluted air have. Enacting this rule in California would send a powerful signal to the market and lead the way for transforming the freight transportation industry in the US.

The new proposed rule offers even more benefits than the previous proposal. The new changes would increase required sales targets, extend the time schedule for an increasing set of sales targets and apply the rule to pickup trucks as early as 2024. I approve of all of these changes. They vastly increase the benefits from the reduction of pollution and greenhouse gas emissions.

By strengthening the rule, CARB's new proposal nearly doubles reductions of NOx and PM2.5. This will result in billions more dollars saved in health care costs as well as many more reductions in premature deaths.

By increasing the number of zero-emission trucks sold, the new proposal almost doubles greenhouse gas emission reductions by 2040

compared to the original proposal. Our community welcomes this change.

This proposal should add about 8,000 high quality jobs. It will turn what was once a polluting industry into a green one. As we come out of the COVID-19 crisis, job creation will be paramount and this proposal would help to get us back on our feet.

The success of this rule depends on sufficient investment in charging stations at locations convenient for truckers throughout the state and incentives (such as a tax credits for purchasing zero emission trucks) for fleet owners. Hopefully CARB is addressing these needs to help make the transition to zero emission trucks proceed more smoothly and quickly.

Respectfully, Jessica