Ms. Liane Randolph, Chair

California Air Resource Board, c/o chc2021, 1001 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

My name is Tucker McCombs, and I am president of Outrider Sportfishing and Ventura Harbor Sportfishing LLC. I own and operate 3 CPFV’s out of both Ventura Harbor and Mission Bay, along with the sportfishing landing that 2 other CPFV’s run their businesses out of. I have spent most of my life working on CPFV’s and completely rely on these vessels to support my family. Between the two businesses I employ 17 full time employees and 4 seasonal part time employees that fully rely on the operation of the CPFV’s to make a living and support their family as well.

All three of the CPFV’s that I own are powered with tier 3 engines and agree that as an industry we need to do everything that we can to have the least amount of emissions possible within reason. My observation is that because of the Carl Moyer program the CPFV fleet has done just that.

Two of my vessels are pre 1960 and of plank over frame construction, the other was built in 1972 of fiberglass over plywood. The reason for me purchasing these vessels was not because I enjoy vintage boats but because the price of new construction is completely out of the question for myself and almost all of my colleagues. When in the process of buying my first CPFV in 2016, I investigated commissioning a vessel of new construction from Little Hoquiam Shipyard. At the time before the present sever cost of material increase and inflation the quote was $1,900,000.00. With the financial growth of my business since that time it still would not be feasible or possible for my business to sustain a purchase of that size. As it stands, I would have to repower my current vessels with tier 4 engines. This would just not be possible with the type CPFV’s that I own with the present technology available.

One of the biggest problems for myself along with many others in this industry is that we still owe a substantial amount of money from the loans we used to acquire the vessels and equipment we use to make our living. Even if my business could afford to have a new CPFV built what would I do with my current vessels? The value of these vessels is usually based on their annual gross because of their “for purpose construction”. Long story short the current proposal would force my two businesses to shut down and myself looking for a new industry to work in. I have spent my entire life getting to where I am at and this proposal would take all of that away. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Tucker McCombs