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Air Resources Board C/O Clerk of the Board, Air Resources Board 1001 I Street, Sacramento, California 95814

Dear Board member,

I have just been made aware of some proposals that are in the State Implementation Plan 2016 (SIP). Specifically, the zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) standards on forklifts may be difficult for farm enterprises to justify. Gas/diesel powered forklifts are better able to function in farmyards or orchards where there may be dirt, gravel or vegetation. Forklifts may not be used full-time, often this equipment is used seasonally thus making purchase of a ZEV prohibitive.

California's businesses are finding regulations difficult to navigate. Setting new standards on delivery trucks and equipment used in goods movement will further erode the ability of California businesses to be successful. Some of the costs may be passed onto consumers, but certainly not all, chipping away at profitability.

For the State of California to seek stricter engine standards than what the USEPA requires further erodes the ability of businesses to stay in this state. I am concerned that farm and construction equipment, interstate trucks, locomotives, aircraft and marine vessels will have to comply to stricter standards than what are required by other states, essentially giving other states a "leg up" on increased revenue at our expense.

Please consider the health of California's business climate in all you consider.

Thank you,

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