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Mary Nichols, Chair, California Air Resources Board

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RE: Support for a Strong Advanced Clean Trucks Rule

Dear Chair Nichols and Members of the Board,

UAW 2865, representing 19,000 Academic Student Employees at the University of California, urges you to approve staff's proposed Advanced Clean Trucks ("ACT") Rule. We feel strongly about this rule because truck emissions are a major source of fine particulate matter. **Across our state, those bearing the brunt of adverse health effects of the freight industry are low income communities of color and workers of the industry.**

The new proposed rules offer even more benefits than the prior proposal. The new changes which increase sales targets, extend the time for the sales targets and reduce the time that some pickup trucks will be exempt from the rule, offer huge benefits in pollution and greenhouse gas reduction. We approve of all of these changes.

By strengthening the rule, CARB's new proposal nearly doubles reductions of NOx and PM2.5. This will result in billions of dollars saved in health care costs as well as reduced premature death. By increasing the number of zero-emission trucks sold, the new proposal almost doubles greenhouse gas emission reductions from the original proposal by 2040. This is a change we highly approve of.

This proposal will add about 8,000 jobs. **Our union supports a Green New Deal, and this proposal represents the type of action we hope to see across our society.** It will turn what was once a polluting industry into a green one. As we come out of the COVID-19 crises, job creation will be paramount and this proposal starts to get us back on our feet. Electric vehicles save money in fuel and operation costs, which results in lower costs for businesses and consumers.

One additional ask we have 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.

Like many of California's public health and environmental protection measures, the rule enables job growth, economic savings, and new industry and innovation opportunities while lowering health costs. While some industry groups and politicians are asking for a delay our group feels that delay would be irresponsible. Our health and our climate cannot wait. Indeed the current pandemic has highlighted the increased health risks that those breathing polluted air have. By enacting this rule California sends a powerful signal to the market, while leading the way for transformation within the freight transportation industry.

Respectfully,

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