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ARB Clerk of the Board
FW: Advanced Clean Truck Rule: Support strengthened rule
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ACT2019 comment, please add to the docket, thanks!

-----Original Message-----From: Barb Fukumoto <barbf53@aol.com> Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 4:48 PM To: Arneja, Paul@ARB <Paul.Arneja@arb.ca.gov> Subject: Advanced Clean Truck Rule: Support strengthened rule

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Dear Mr. Arneja,

Please forgive me for writing you directly. I haven't figured out how to submit a comment from the ARB website.

I offer my perspective as a mother and grandmother. My only daughter and two of my three grandchildren have all been diagnosed with asthma. All of them live within a mile of the 880 highway, a highway that carries much truck traffic to and from the Port of Oakland. And my husband recently passed away of a sudden heart attack. Although we were walking six miles a day, he commuted two hours each way on California's highways for over 36 years. I understand that air pollution contributes to heart disease. For years I have wondered why it is still legal for trucks to spew diesel smoke into the air. Allowing trucks to spew for all these years has impacted my family and others.

I appreciate that you are working on creating the first clean truck rule in the world. Great! I urge you to follow your best instincts and phase in an ambitious rule as rapidly as possible. Please use the rule to drive quickly toward a clean truck fleet, in line with NRDC's proposals at least. My grandkids are 3, almost 6, and 14 now. They need to be breathing cleaner air right away; they cannot wait until they are grown to reap the benefits of the rule. And the climate cannot wait any longer for slow, incremental change.

I am persuaded that pushing on the trucking industry to accelerate the transition will have economic benefits, as well as heath and environmental benefits. Please be bold, for the sake of those who are so important to me and for all the other youth along truck transportation corridors.

Sincerely, Barbara Fukumoto Sunnyvale, CA 94087