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Mary Nichols
California Air Resources Board

RE: SUPPORT 20-6-3: Proposed Advanced Clean Trucks Regulation

Dear Chair Nichols,

SoCal 350 Climate Action represents over 7,500 activists in Los Angeles and Orange County. We are members of statewide coalitions working to solve the climate crisis and work toward a sustainable clean energy economy.

CARB can address the systemic marginalization of communities of color that are disproportionately suffering from truck pollution in “diesel death zones” by voting “yes” on the electric truck standard. In particular, the communities around the Ports of Long Beach and Los Angeles, especially those adjacent to the freeways require significant action to rectify the massive levels of diesel particulate emissions, NOx, SOx, and ozone.

A “YES” vote for Zero Emission electric trucks signals the beginning of the end of deadly diesel pollution that makes us more vulnerable to lung diseases like COVID-19.

By voting “yes” on electric trucks CARB can further protect the health of families living in “diesel death zones” and set us on a path to lead the electric truck industry, creating market certainty and jobs.

The long-term, positive economic impact stemming from the electric truck rule promises to be massive: truck electrification in California could add more than \$100 billion to California’s gross

state product through 2050 and is projected to support thousands of jobs in manufacturing and construction.

We cannot fully address the risks or realize the value of tackling climate change without a robust market for clean transportation solutions and strong carbon reduction policies that send clear, long-term economic signals. The current ACT proposal will accelerate the cost-effective deployment of electric medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, allow us to meet financial and climate goals, and significantly reduce air pollution-related health impacts and costs across the state. Now more than ever, this rule is critical to ensure the long-term health of California's economy and citizens as we grapple with the new circumstances and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sincerely,

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