

I was in line to give this public comment at the CARB hearing but my phone connection dropped. So I lost my place and they are not adding any one else to the line.

Here is what I would have said:

Hello Chair Nichols & Members of the Board, my name is Linda HK & I'm the Senior CA Organizer with Mothers Out Front, a growing grassroots movement of mothers and others mobilizing for a healthy environment today and a livable climate tomorrow for all children. We have over 6,700 California supporters and teams of volunteers in five regions of the state, including the Capital Region, San Francisco, Silicon Valley, Fresno & San Diego.

As the parent of a child with asthma, I raise my voice along with thousands of mothers and grandmothers throughout CA asking you to **protect California's children, climate and heavily polluted communities** near ports & freight corridors by adopting the Advanced Clean Truck Rule, and the revisions provided by staff, **with NO delay and without being watered down in any way.**

We commend your leadership and thank you and CARB staff for working with environmental justice groups, health organizations, environmental allies, labor unions and industry partners to strengthen the ACT rule.

Mothers Out Front strongly supports the strengthened ACT rule to accelerate the urgently needed transition to clean electric trucks and vehicles.

Not only will ACT contribute to the health of our communities and the stability of our climate, it will also help create **family-sustaining, clean energy jobs.** And it will **save the trucking industry \$6 billion,** mostly due to fuel cost savings.

Climate, air quality and racial justice are inextricably linked, because climate-destabilizing air pollution disproportionately impacts communities of color and low-income communities, frequently leading to degraded health and premature death.

Some have argued for a delay due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but the pandemic actually **accelerates the need to adopt ACT.** A Harvard Study found that people living in counties with only 1 more microgram per cubic meter of air of PM2.5 have a 8-15% increased chance of dying from Covid-19—further jeopardizing communities of color and low-income communities who disproportionately live in the counties with the dirtiest air.

For all of these reasons, we hope you will implement ACT with all due speed to protect the health of our children, communities and truckers and to ensure a livable climate for all children. Thank you.

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