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Good Morning Chair and Members of the Board-

My name is Ashley Porter, I am the Sales Manager for TEC Equipment, in Oakland California. We are the largest distributor of Mack and Volvo commercial vehicles on the West Coast; with ten of our 35 locations in California. We serve all parts of the transportation industry drayage, regional haul, construction, refuse and over the road.

Our customers are the heart of what we do. We have been a part of their journeys throughout the years watching their businesses grow and thrive. Over the last two years it has been heart wrenching to walk through the ACT regulations with our customers trying to help them understand the regulation and what impact that is going to have on their businesses and customers. We have seen some pickup and move their businesses out of California. Others have made the hard decision to pass on the cost to update their fleet to their customers, many of which are in the disadvantage communities in which you are trying to help. The one that I think hurts California's economy the most are the ones that just decide to close their business because they simply do not have the resources, whether it be financially or emotionally to meet the ACT regulations.

Carb states that your mission is to promote and protect public health, welfare, and ecological resources through effective reduction of air pollutants while recognizing and considering effects on the economy. The impact of the ACT regulation as it is written today will impact the California economy negatively for years to come.

Reported in the 2023 California Job Market Briefing by the Employment Development Department the Transportation industry had the second largest job loss year over year. In the same briefing it was reported that transportation industry had disproportionately larger slowdowns in year-over year job growth in comparison to the overall jobs market. This is an example of the effects of the early implementation ACT has had on the transportation job market in California.

Thank you for being willing to hear our amendment requests. We ask that CARB delay the implementation of the Advanced Clean Trucks to give our customers your constituents, the heart of what we all do, the time to figure out the resources they need to comply. We ask that you delay ACT to comply with federal regulations in 2027. We think this is what is best for our customers and California's economy.