

December 8, 2009

The Honorable Mary D. Nichols  
Chair, California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814  
Via email

**SUBJECT: STATEWIDE TRUCK AND BUS REGULATION – AGENDA ITEM #09-10-8**

Dear Chair Nichols:

The California Chamber of Commerce respectfully requests that the California Air Resources Board (CARB) set aside final approval of the Statewide Truck and Bus Regulation (Truck Rule) so that a new and transparent public hearing process can be carried out.

The CalChamber supports the comments made by CARB members John Telles and Ron Roberts that call for a delay in final approval of the Truck Rule in order to address recent issues in a public hearing process. Full transparency in the rulemaking process is required to ensure government accountability, credibility, and the public's trust. It would be advantageous to CARB, the regulated community, and would support the integrity of the Truck Rule to clear the air of recent controversies in such a public forum.

Setting aside the regulation in such a way would also provide time to revisit the Truck Rule's economic assistance package to determine if it can be improved to allow for increased environmental compliance. Additionally, a transparent review of the regulation will not adversely affect air quality as the economic downturn has already significantly reduced diesel emissions through reduced construction activity and diesel vehicle miles traveled.

We appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,



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