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Dear members of the board
California Air Resources Board

My wife and I own a small logging company here in Lake Co. California. We employ from four to fifteen people depending on the season and our workload. We own and operate a small fleet of heavy equipment and trucks. All are necessary for the service we provide harvesting timber in this state. We are not opposed to cleaner air, let's be clear about that. We are not opposed to using replacement parts, or affordable aftermarket parts for our trucks or machines that will implement producing cleaner emissions. What we can't do, however, is find the funds to retrofit the machinery and trucks to the levels proposed within the timelines specified. Complete engine replacements and \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00 plus exhaust systems are not in our budget in the foreseeable future. The costs of the available retrofits is usually more than the machine or truck is worth.

There has to be a solution other than putting ourselves and thousands of others just like us out of business. The estimates put out by CARB as to projected costs for companies like ours fail to take many factors into consideration. Not the least of which is the current economy. The timelines for engine and whole vehicle replacement that were used simply don't match reality for a substantial number of the small companies trying to do business in the state of California. At our level of business we have to buy used equipment. We then rebuild and repair to make this equipment safe and serviceable as we have funds available. The last year or so we have simply been in survival mode. Any new regulations requiring significant investment would be a business killer for us. We would be done.

We would ask that the board consider more alternatives for small businesses. Combined, companies such as ours, employ a substantial number of people in this state. The effect of putting us out of business and putting those people on un-employment has never been factored into the cost of obtaining cleaner air.

We would be more than happy to be a part of any further discussion and consideration of alternatives that would give us, and thousands like us, a fighting chance.

Sincerely,
Galen & Fiona Bullock
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