

Ratner 08-4-07

Jill Ratner

Dear Chair man Nichols,

My name is April R, I am a student at Oakland High School. I am a student who has asthma. Having asthma is not a fun thing. There are alot of things out her in oakland that are possibily making it worse and hard for me to breath most times. Alot of pollution in the air are causing people with asthma to make there breathing worse or its giving people asthma.


Sincerely, April Riley

Chairman Nichols,

Ratner-08-4-7

My name is Shelly Luu, I am a student at Oakland High School. I am writing to you to let you be aware about the In-use Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle rule. Many trucks/automobiles are emitting diesel particles into our air, which is an irritant to many and can trigger an asthma attack. which is why we should start this rule. It would promote a cleaner environment and a safer neighborhood.

Sincerely,



Dear Chairman Nichols,

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My name is Ricky Tron, and I am a student at Oakland High school. We need a good truck rule that reduces diesel pollution because it can effect people severely by giving them asthma and affects their breathing. We can have less people having to suffer.



Dear Chairman Nichols,

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My ~~name~~ name is Ashley Adams, I am a student at Oakland High school. I believe there are too many trucks in my area and it causes air pollution. I have asthma and it gets triggered easily so please do us all a favor and reduce truck diesel pollution. I believe you should have less truck routes too.



Dear Mary Nichols, Ratner 08-4-07  
Please consider banning trucks or  
finding a better more environment  
safe way of transporting goods,  
the planet needs your help!

Sincerely,  
Simon Chu

Dear Chairman Nichols,

Rather 08-4-07

My name is Sandra Soechao and I'm a 12<sup>th</sup> Grader at Oakland High School. I am writing to you about why you should approve a In-use Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle Rule as soon as possible. Clean air and the safety of citizens are important so we should start somewhere to improve pollution. People suffer from Asthma and people are having health issues at rates that aren't fair<sup>just</sup> because of their community. So all I would like to say is please move quickly to adopt a truck rule that cuts Diesel PM.

Thank you,  
Sandra Soechao

Mr. Nichols,

My name is Elaine Lee I am a student at Oakland School #1 is important for there to be a rule reduce diesel pollution because people who exposed to it wouldn't be affected and they'll be healthier. People who live near ports are affected by having asthma, which can be really expensive its upsetting because there is something that can be done and there isn't. The longer we wait, the more people will suffer from this

*Elaine Lee*

I hope my note really does  
get read...

I'm a 17 year old latina  
and I used to live in  
Minnesota for 10 years when  
I turned 17 I came to live  
down here in Oakland. I could  
tell by the way I breath air  
and how it circulates my body  
that the air here is bad. I dont  
need a doctor to tell me going  
on or whats wrong with my body  
I put facts and statistics together  
I cant walk up a hill without  
taking a deep breath at the  
end I dont got asthma and I'm  
not out of shape; healthy as can  
be. Diesel is a big problem here it's  
clear to see. Dont let people go  
thru the trouble of being  
diagnosed with asthma or  
having all kinds of problems.  
Dont let it get worse. Pleas for  
peoples sake and yours help out  
the community.

Sincerely, Glenda T.



Dear Chairman Nichols

My name is Chai, I am a student at Oakland High School. You should enforce the laws that ~~keep~~ keep the trucks in good shape to try to reduce the amount of diesel particulate. This is important because it is having a dramatic affect on the people that live by and around the port of Oakland.

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DEAR CHAIRMAN NICHOLS,

MY NAME IS ASHLEY, I AM A STUDENT  
AT OHS. A GOOD TRUCK RULE THAT REDUCES  
DIESEL POLLUTION IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE IT IS  
CAUSING A LOT OF POLLUTION! IN OUR COMMUNITY,  
MANY PEOPLE ARE IN HOSPITALS BECAUSE  
OF ASTHMA LIKE ME. I DON'T HAVE IT.  
DIESEL POLLUTION AND ASTHMA BOTH ARE NOT  
GOOD FOR OUR HEALTH. I DON'T  
LIKE DIESEL POLLUTION BECAUSE IT  
HURTS US & THE COMMUNITY.  
EVERYONE CAN GET HURT BY IT.  
WE NEED THE STRONGEST TRUCK  
RULE POSSIBLE!

Ashley 11

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Subject: In-use Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle Rule

Dear Chairman Nichols,

My name is Simon, I am a student at Oakland High school. A good truck rule that reduces diesel pollution is important because it will cause less pollution and fewer deaths, and also people will have better health. These chemicals can cause cancer and other respiratory effects. The Asthma rates in the area of 94610 is 48.02 ~~per~~ rate per 10,000. Diesel pollution causes asthma.

"We need a truck rule that protects community health."

- Simon

Dear chairman Nichols,

Ratner 08-4-6

My name is Anna Hoang. I am a student at Oakland High School. What I think about the reduce of Diesel pollution is that we should lower pollution. It is causing the world to be sick and people. It contains chemical that can cause a risk to asthma.

Dear chairman Nichols,

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My name is Heidi Voory, I am a student at Oakland High School. Did you know the diesel that comes out of trucks and ships is a reason why people have asthma attacks. I don't know if you have a family member who has asthma, but I do, and I don't want them to have Diesel pollution not only triggers asthma, but other health problems like cancer. I would like this diesel pollution to stop. I hope you can do something about this situation.

- Heidi Voory

Dear Mary, Nicholas Chairman.

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Patrol 08-4-73

Thanks for coming and teaching about  
what is happening to our environment.  
I learned a lot, I would consider a  
banning styrofoam though and it will  
be a great case and have a good  
effect

Sincerely  
Vern ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  
Cuts ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Dear Chairman Nichols,

My name is Lisa Ma, I am a student at Oakland High School.

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Good truck rule that reduces diesel pollution is important because it travels all around the place which affect young kids health like increasing the risk of having asthma. My little brother has asthma, so whenever a diesel truck passes by, it's harder for him to breath because of the particular matter, the truck releases. There are also other problems that are caused by the PM of diesel truck such as cancer.

*Lisa Ma*

Dear chairman Nichols, 4/14/08

My name is Farm, I am a student at Oakland High School. A good truck rule that reduces diesel pollution is important because the asthma pollution is increasing each day. Both of my brothers have asthma and it is very hard for them to go outside. Diesel pollution is very bad because the chemicals in there.

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DEAR MAY NICHOLS (Chairman)

Ratner 08-4-7

MY NAME IS MABLE LU, I AM A STUDENT AT  
OAKLAND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL. IT HAS COME TO MY  
CONCERNS THAT THE PEOPLE AROUND ME ARE SUFFERING  
FROM ASTHMA ATTACKS BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN A  
RESIDENTIAL AREA WHERE THERE ARE TRUCK ROUTES. I  
WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE THEM IN PAIN AND  
SUFFER, I'M ASKING YOU THAT WE NEED A TRUCK RULE  
THAT PROTECTS COMMUNITY HEALTH AND PLEASE MOVE QUICKLY  
TO ADOPT A TRUCK RULE THAT CUTS DIESEL PM.  
Thank you for your time!



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Dear Chairman Nichols,

Subject: In-Use Heavy Duty  
Diesel Vehicle Rule

My name is Lena Sun, I am a student at Oakland High School. I want to open your mind a bit ...

Fact: W. Oakland's population increased by 50% the past years.

Fact: Diesel particles from trucks cause diseases such as cancer, allergens and irritants, etc.

Fact: Major store brand companies are NOT helping us because they are SELFISH.

Fact: I know too many family members and friends that have asthma ... I am one of them who have difficulties breathing normally.

Question for Chairman Nichols: Do you know anyone who are suffering from drawing of bad, unhealthy air?

- Lena Sun

Dear Mary Nichols, chairman Rottner 08-4-0

Thanks For helping us I wish you  
could save the world again

Michael Tang  
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Dear Chairman Nichols, Rather 08-4-7

My name is Nino Enriquez, I am a student at Oakland High school.

The truck diesel is important because it lessens the pollution.

The amount of diesel in West Oakland is up to 5x greater than in other parts of Oakland. People who live there tend to have more breathing problems, such as asthma. It's a pending health concern and the root of it is trucks, trains, & ships. I think it's a good idea to give help to people so they can put in diesel reducing parts in their trucks or buy new ones.

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Dear chairman Nichols, Ratner 08-4-71

My Name is David, I am a student at Oakland High School. I think we should reduce Diesel pollution because it is damaging the air severely. When a young boy walk to school, and a large trucks passes by, the young boy would have to breathe the truck's pollution. So please help reduce Diesel pollution.

DEAR: Chairman Nichols

My Name is ~~David~~ William at Oakland High. WE could MAKE IT Better. By getting new trucks. WE could like jet trucks that would LESSON THE PARTICLES IN THE AIR. ITS like people who stay in west Oakland. Have IT Bad BECAUSE they have to SPAW w living around all that Bad air & then they GET asthma. Some ppl even GET hospitalized. But yeah thats what you should do.

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My brother use to have asthma but now it had gotten better but still, for time to time he had to use his inhaler. It keep him going out and have fun. Truck need to have a better way to reduce the amount of pollution because old truck are shaking up and causing so much pollution that are releasing to the air. Diesel pollution causes 2,000 premature death and 250 cases of lung cancer each year. Diesel PM triggers asthma. And the lead to the development of Asthma.

My Name Veasna  
Chhoun

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SUBJECT: IN-USE HEAVY DUTY  
DIESEL VEHICLE RULE

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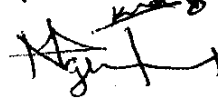
DEAR chair man nichols,  
MY NAME IS LA PRIA TUCKER, I'M A  
STUDENT AT OAKLAND HIGH SCHOOL. I  
THINK A GOOD TRUCK RULE IS IMPORTANT  
BECAUSE MY LITTLE COUSIN HAS VERY BAD  
ASTHMA, AND I'M SCARED HE MIGHT  
DIE ONE DAY; DUE TO HIM LIVING IN WEST  
OAKLAND. I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO  
TAKE IT IF HE, OR ANYONE ELSE HAS  
TO SUFFER FROM TRYING TO BREATHE?

Subject: In-Use Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle Rule

Re Chairman Nichols,

My name is Kua Ngilbus, I am a student at Oakland Technical High School. I am a concerned member of my community, therefore, I am writing to propose regulation. I've done research on asthma rates in Alameda County and found out that my zip code, which 4608, accounts for the highest hospitalization for asthma in the age group 0-14. This is also higher than the state average. This provides an unsafe environment for children. I believe something should be done about it. I know that the sources of pollution that are significant are trucks that weigh over 4 1/2 tons, ships, factories, and no part of Oakland is a major economic force for our region. I know it can not be moved and that we are not simply rezoning the whole area, but technology will reduce emissions. If you force policy that requires large companies with a significant amount of trucks to get newer trucks with less emissions and actually enforce it, residents would be happier and would be able to lead safer lives.

Some people may think that regulation like above is useless, but it affects a lot of people. A lot of my friends have asthma and I know it is connected with diesel pollution emitted by trucks because my friends are from west Oakland which has a major problem with trucks. It also leads to a lot of other respiratory problems. Therefore, it is completely worth it to implement the above suggested regulation.

Kua Ngilbus  


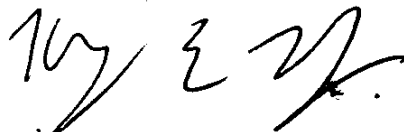
DEAR CHAIRMAN NICHOLS,

SUBJECT: IN-USE HEAVY DUTY DIESEL  
VEHICLE RULE

Rather  
08-4-6

My name is Kelsy Berg & I'm a student at Oakland Technical High School. In my community asthma is extremely widespread. Many of my friends & schoolmates have it and it's quite clear that it's ~~due to~~<sup>due to</sup> environmental circumstances. The county I live in (Alameda County) has an asthma hospitalization rate higher than the California state average, and also 2nd highest in the state. People in the community are suffering from poorly regulated diesel pollution, and something needs to be done about it. Many of those affected by the pollution in Oakland are low-income residents and end up having to live in neighborhoods where they are exposed to asthma-inducing pollutants. This is unfair and since clearly these residents can't simply move to a different neighborhood, there needs to be a truck rule that reduces diesel truck pollution so people no longer have to be exposed to ~~the~~ it. Please move quickly to pass a rule that regulates diesel truck emissions.

Sincerely,



Kelsy Berg  
847 Walker Ave.  
Oakland CA 94610



Subject: On-Use Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle Rule

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California Air Resources Board  
P.O. Box 2815  
Sacramento CA 95812

Ratner  
08-4-6

Dear Chairman Nichols,

My name is Asha Ngilbus, I am a student at Oakland Technical High School. I'd like to tell you why the APB truck rule is a good one. Day and night (especially in communities like West Oakland) ~~lots~~ many trucks go through residential areas, leaving behind diesel and many consequences. Parents won't let kids play in their streets because of the huge trucks that pass by, there is soot build up on windows and the huge trucks leave pot holes in the streets. And, these people are getting Asthma and lung cancer. ~~These~~ These trucks are ruining both the lives of the people in the community and infrastructure of the communities. The particulates that are let out give people Asthma, because they are small enough to enter the lungs. And, as previously mentioned, residents, <sup>living in these communities,</sup> are getting cancer. It is a serious problem, it is ongoing. People are getting sick to the point where they have to be hospitalized. Zip codes such as 94607, 94608 and 94605 <sup>3</sup> have hospitalization rates (for Asthma) well above 100 per 10,000. And zip codes such as 94601 and 94603 are almost at 90. These areas ~~of~~ have incomes of 35,000 and less (usually less) and they cannot afford the cost of hospitalization and medication, but they are forced to pay it anyways. Needless to say, we need a truck rule that keeps our streets in <sup>and</sup> fact, our kids playing on them, and not in the hospital.

Sincerely, Asha Ngilbus

15101 West st. Apt A 94608, Oakland, CA

Mary Nichols, Chairman  
California Air Resources Board  
PO Box 2815  
Sacramento, CA 95812

April 10, 2008  
Rather 0846

- Subject: In-Use Heavy Duty Diesel Vehicle Rule

Dear Chairman Nichols,

My name is Anya Diamond, and I am a student at Oakland Technical High School. I live in Oakland, and am concerned about the air pollution in my city. The large trucks that drive throughout Oakland, a major port city, produce particulate matter (PM). PM is particles in the air that agitate the lungs and contribute to the development of asthma. The PM that the trucks ~~produce~~ <sup>negatively</sup> ~~negatively~~ affect Oakland - the zip code that the port is in has an almost 6 times higher rate of asthma incidences than the total state of California. Diesel pollution is also associated with the development of cancer. I am worried for the health of my friends and family and for California's future - its youth - ingenera. We need the strongest truck rule possible to safeguard the health of California's citizens.

Sincerely,

Anya Diamond, 4142 Terrace St., Oakland, CA 94611

Dear Chairman Nichols,

Ratner 08-4-6

My name is Zoe Westbrook, I am a student at Bentley High School. I live and ~~work~~ go to school near major roads. I do not personally have asthma but my mom does and ~~for~~ this means that she spends lots of money on medication and is in pain lots of the time. Alameda County has a very high asthma rate and is close to the rate in ~~of~~ CA, which ~~is~~ has one of the highest rates for Asthma. This is due largely to the port of Oakland and large factories ~~and~~ that ~~also~~ release lots of particulate matter. The in-use Heavy duty diesel vehicle rule would make a ton of difference in my and many other neighborhoods in Oakland and the East bay. This truck rule would definitely affect and impact Community health and wellness.

-Zoe W.

4108 Terrace St  
Oakland, CA 94611

~~Zoe Westbrook~~