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Mr. James Goldstene
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Dear Mr. Goldstene:

I write this letter to request that the California Air Resources Board allow more time for compliance with the emissions regulations for construction equipment and other off-road diesel-fueled vehicles which were passed in 2007.

As I have previously stated, the board's goal when these standards were set was a noble one. All Californians want clean air. In fact, California's construction industry has done its best to comply with the new standards and have begun to use newer, less toxic equipment to achieve that end since the regulations were passed.

However, the board must consider the economic environment in which we currently live. Construction in California is down dramatically and many California construction companies, which at one time employed nearly one-million citizens in our state, are looking at closing down, if they have not done so already, as they are unable to meet the new standards in a cost-effective manner.

We must not let this happen. We must get California moving forward again. At this time in our state's history, we need to balance our desire to be a national leader on clean air with the economic realities of our time. I ask that CARB relax its emissions regulations passed in 2007 and allow more time for the owners of the targeted vehicles to comply with the board's goals, and keep this industry alive in California.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joel Anderson".

Joel Anderson
Assemblyman