



California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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Chairman Nichols and Members of the Board:

Thank you for considering an easing of the devastating diesel regulations. I often communicate with individuals who share horror stories with me of being forced to purchase retrofits of their trucks that cost in the tens of thousands or even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

These are real human beings, and they are already struggling to get by. If not offered relief, many will go out of business or leave the state, costing our state even more jobs and hurting our already fragile economy.

Aside from the very serious impact diesel regulations will have on our jobs and economy, they are based on a study by a researcher who both falsified his credentials and overestimated pollution by up to 300%. This is not a sound basis for policies which harm the livelihoods of California citizens.

Beyond the questionability of the study upon which the regulations were based, please also consider the role of economics on public health. Nations with the highest poverty rates also have the highest infant mortality rates and lowest life expectancies. A conversation on public health is not complete without considering how harmful economic impacts also detract from citizens ability to pay for quality medical care.

With even the *San Francisco Chronicle* reporting on the pollution overestimates, now is an ideal time for the Board to revise its diesel policy to take into account the needs of affected citizens, taxpayers and business owners.

Respectfully submitted,

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