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**Testimony July 19, 2007 California Air  
Resources Board  
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\*Diesel emissions constitute the second largest source of diesel pollution in the state and cleaning them up must be a public health priority.

\*Diesel emissions are dangerous with serious health impacts:  
**aggravated asthma,  
increased respiratory symptoms,  
chronic bronchitis,  
increased respiratory and  
cardiovascular hospitalizations,  
decreased lung function in children  
and premature death.**

Health effects from nitrogen oxides are also serious.

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\*These health impacts are especially dangerous for communities that are already overburdened with multiple sources of pollution, and often suffer a disproportionate health impact.

\*CARB Website itself (appendix C of the proposed regulation) states the health benefits of implementing the regulation are substantial.

Estimates of cumulative emissions over lifetime of the rule:

**4,000 fewer premature deaths,  
110,000 fewer cases of asthma-related  
and lower respiratory symptoms,  
2,440 few hospital emissions due to  
respiratory and cardiovascular causes,  
and 680,000 fewer work loss days.**

\*Representing the California Nurses Association means that your constituents are often on the front line, dealing with the effects of pollution. More pollution will put a strain on an already overburdened health system.

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\*The costs to the construction industry must be measured against, not only quality of life, but also the cost to the health system - **over the life of this rule, statewide benefits from these reductions in adverse health effects has been calculated from \$18 to \$26 billion.**

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