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Dear Governor:

Recently there has been some debate about the proposed off road diesel regulation (2416) which aims to cut down pollution by refitting engines for in-use off-road vehicles. And while the California Air Resources Board does take into account smaller counties with rarely used vehicles, it does not consider the reality of the costs to follow such a regulation. In Humboldt County machines are set aside for whole seasons. When a machine is being used on a specific job it is often left at the job site for the duration of the project so that it will not have to be trekked back and forth. When comparing the cost of refurbishing existing machines or buying new ones with the cost that we spend yearly on using these machines, the proposal to refit is ridiculous. We would be losing too much money. If the government is going to demand that we perform a task this costly, they should be prepared to support those companies that would be losing so much.

In short, this proposition could be detrimental to fabrication and construction industries in low populated counties. The government should not be supporting regulations that can do more harm than good

Sincerely,

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