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Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Off Road Diesel Equipment Regulations, Final Draft

Members of the Board,

I am writing to you on behalf of the 450 contractor member businesses of the Builders Exchange of the Central Coast in the Monterey, Santa Cruz and San Benito counties.

We in the construction industry want clean air just as much as all Californians. Unfortunately the technology required to meet these new regulations just doesn't exist right now and the costs associated with the new regulations will result in fewer construction jobs across the state. And, the timeframe proposed by the CARB is simply not achievable.

What most are not aware of is that three out of four construction companies in California have 10 or fewer employees, and this is very true in our geographical area. Without a new proposal that takes all these factors into consideration, Californians risk seeing new, ineffective regulations that will cost us good paying construction jobs, fail to clean the air, and prevent us from building the roads, schools, housing and flood protection systems our state so desperately needs.

On behalf of the 450 contractor members of the Builders Exchange of the Central Coast, we support phasing out older equipment in a reasonable and fair manner. We look forward to the California Air Resources Board working in partnership with California businesses to maintain the California economy, while enhancing the environment.

Sincerely,

Gwendolyn Wells
Executive Director

CC: Assemblyman Laird
Assemblywoman Caballero
Senator Maldonado
Senator Denham
Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger

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