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Dr. Robert F. Sawyer, Chairman; Ms. Sandra Berg, Esq., Ms. Dorene D'Adamo, Dr. Henry Gong, Jr. M.D., Mr. Jerry Hill, Ms. Lydia Kennard, Mr. Ronald O. Loveridge, Mrs. Barbara Riordan, Supervisor Ron Roberts and Mr. Daniel Sperling
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: California Air Resources Board (CARB) Rushed Requirements Will Hurt Our Economy! MORE TIME NEEDED!

Dear Honorable Board Members:

I believe in improving air quality in California, and my industry -- the construction industry -- is fully committed to eventually replacing older equipment with newer, cleaner equipment and technologies. We just need more time to do it!

CARB's staff-recommended timeline for replacing older equipment is not feasible. To meet CARB's objectives in such a short time-frame will cause an enormous impact to the state's economy and the multi-billion dollar bond initiatives passed last November. It will also drive many contractors out of business entirely.

Contractors need at least five more years to comply with the proposed regulations. My industry also strongly supports the extension of the Carl Moyer Funding Program at \$200 million per year for at least another eight years (2015), and we support tax legislation that would lessen the financial impact for contractors which replace older equipment with newer, cleaner equipment.

Please consider the impact on our industry and seriously consider an extension of the compliance timeline by five years. The added time, plus the funding and new tax law will lessen the economic impact on contractors and ultimately the taxpayers, homebuyers and businesses of California.

Sincerely,

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