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May 24, 2007

Chairman Robert Sawyer & Board Members  
California Air Resources Board  
1001 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95812

RE: Support for CARB Diesel Off-Road Equipment Regulation

Dear Dr. Sawyer & Board Members:

I am writing to express strong support for the California Air Resources Board's proposed Diesel Off-Road Equipment Regulation which would control tailpipe pollution from in-use off-road mobile sources such as construction equipment. The rule, as currently drafted, sets achievable goals for pollution control, protects public health, and brings the state's most polluted regions closer to meeting federal air quality standards. Additionally, it will help to control pollution from global warming.

Some industry voices have expressed concern about the rule's costs and fairness. Estimates from both the Air Resources Board and the industry concerning the cost of implementing the rule are substantially less than the estimated health costs linked to pollution from the targeted sources. Californians bear as much as \$9 billion a year in health costs associated with diesel emissions from off-road mobile sources addressed in the rule. The benefits of this rule easily outweigh estimated costs.

For more than two years, the rule has been under discussion, vetted through many public workshops and other meetings with stakeholders around the state. The rule has been designed to be reasonable and flexible, ensuring industry's ability to comply.

California contains two of the most polluted air basins in the country. Everyone must play a part in reducing California's air pollution if we are ever to reach the goal of clean air for all Californians. Off-road mobile diesel construction equipment generates about a quarter of the toxic diesel particulate matter pollution in the state. CARB's proposed rule give the construction industry and other owners of off-road mobile sources an opportunity to help solve the state's pressing pollution challenge and to protect worker and public health. I urge the board to adopt the rule without delay.

Sincerely,

Sheila James Kuehl, Chair  
Senate Health Committee

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