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Chairman Robert Sawyer and Board Members
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

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May 25, 2007

Re: Support CARB Diesel Off-Road Equipment Regulations

Dear Dr. Sawyer and Board Members:

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

Some have expressed concerns about the costs and fairness of the proposed regulations. Estimates from both CARB and the industry of the costs of implanting the regulations are substantially less than 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. In other words, the benefits of this rule easily outweigh estimated costs.

For more than two years the regulations have been under discussion. During this period, they have been vetted through many public workshops and other meetings with stakeholders around the state. They have designed to be reasonable and flexible, ensuring the 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 going to reach the goal of clean air for all Californians. Off-road mobile diesel construction equipment generates about a

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quarter of the toxic diesel particulate matter pollution in the state. CARB's proposed rule gives the construction industry and other owners of off-road mobile sources an opportunity to help solve the state's pressing pollution challenge and protect worker and public health. I urge the Board to adopt the rule without delay.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christine Kehoe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CHRISTINE KEHOE
Senator, 39th District

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