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April 29, 2007

Dear Chair and members,

We the students of Pinole Valley, are concerned that the "Off Road Vehicle Rule" is not being supported as much as possible. This rule, if implemented fully could help reduce the rate of asthma attacks of those with asthma. Health of citizens near refineries and freeways might be better protected if projects were in thought and officials were focused on this matter. Another issue this rule could contribute to is reducing the number of asthma cases in children, this for one is a major problem our school. The problem of high asthma percentages is particulate matter, tiny chemical particles that pollute the air.

Some factors to look at which add to the problem would be construction equipment, which in fact contributes by twenty five percent to particulate matter in the air. Data provided by CARB, the California Air Resources Board shows that more particulate matter is being produced by new "Big Rigs" than construction equipment. Also looking at that state standards for outdoor air pollution, in the Bay area on an average, about 6 days of the year, we go over the state standard. So with that said please support this rule and our effort to reduce outdoor air pollution.

Sincerely,



Arthur Jones
Students of Pinole Valley High



Lisa Trang Le

April 29, 2007

Dear Chair and Members of the California Air Resources Board,

We are students from College Park High School in Pleasant Hill, and we are concerned with the rising cases of asthma in the Bay Area. We believe that the rise in this chronic disease has been caused by the excessive amounts of suspended particulate matter (SPM) released into the air. We are writing because we support the Off-road Vehicle Rule and we believe that it should be enforced. Diesel vehicles produce the biggest amounts of SPM, and it's important that the amount of air pollutants is reduced drastically.

We are concerned because about 3000 premature deaths are caused by diesel emissions in California. This is more than the number of homicides each year. There are also tens of thousands of respiratory illnesses and asthma attacks caused by this serious problem. Suspended particulate matter also contributes to global warming, second to carbon dioxide.

California's diesel risk reduction plan was to reduce diesel emissions by 75% by 2010; however, at this rate the Union of Concerned Scientists thinks that CARB will only reduce diesel emissions by 30% in the time allotted.

We believe that this is not enough! The amount of SPM emitted by off-road construction vehicles is very high, and it's extremely important that new technology is implemented. With the new construction vehicles, the amount of SPM emitted would reduce significantly, and also the cases of asthma would drop. Considering that asthma is one of the biggest rising problems, it is crucial that such acts are enforced and followed.

Although it is not a big problem in our community, it is clearly a problem in places such as Martinez, where there are industrial factories, and in Pittsburg, where the preposterous polluting port is a big contributor to SPM.

We hope that this letter makes a difference. We are genuinely concerned, and think that the amount of SPM in the atmosphere is something that totally can be stopped, or at least reduced. We support the Off-road Vehicle rule because we want

cleaner air and healthier Bay Area citizens. Although the new equipment may be costly, it is long lasting and will truly make a difference in the amount of SPM in the atmosphere.

We want to thank you for your time and hope that you put this very important rule into consideration. Although we are merely high school students, we learned enough about air quality and pollution to know that it's a rapidly growing problem, and we hope that things change. Air is good; it should be kept clean.

PLEASE SUPPORT THE OFFROAD VEHICLE RULE! It can really make a difference in our community, and in California as a whole.

Sincerely,



Yulia Cherednikov



Nancy Duan



Suzy Azimi

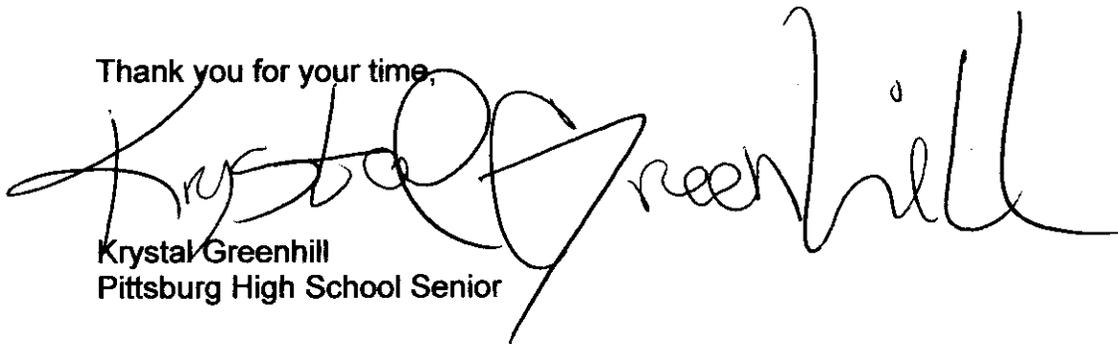
COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL, PLEASANT HILL.

April 29, 2007

Dear Chair and members of the California Air Restoration Board,

My name is Krystal Greenhill and I am 18 yrs. and I go to Pittsburg High School along with 2,500 other people and I am one of the many that have asthma. I have had asthma ever since I was a little girl and I have suffered with it for years. I have been hospitalized due to my asthma on multiple occasions. Although I was in a different district (Weld County School district), that does not mean that the problems do not exist here in California. I am exposed to harmful particulate matter every day. I work in Walnut Creek and my place of business is by a concrete factory that gives off a lot of particulate matter. I also go to school at Pittsburg High and they are in the process construction and I have to pass by the machinery every day. Then I live by the Bay Point Bart and the free way, I have to deal with the trucks and semis' every day. My mother has asthma as well as a co-worker that I see every weekend. I really think the Off Road Vehicle Rule (ORVR) should be approved.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krystal Greenhill". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "K".

Krystal Greenhill
Pittsburg High School Senior

April 29, 2007

Dear Chairman and Members of the California Air Research Board:

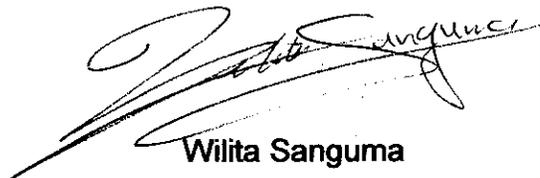
As students from Campolindo High School in Moraga, we are concerned with the Air Quality in the Bay Area that may lead to severe asthma and other related health problems. We both know friends and family members that suffer from pollution related asthma. We live in an area that is generally clean and considered pollution free, but that does not mean we aren't affected by pollution. The particulate matter that circulates in the Bay Area directly effects our community.

If the Off road Vehicle Rule passes on May 25 2007, we think that there is hope for our community to recover and improve the standard air quality. We think that it is unfortunate that we face problems that are preventable. We do the best we can to work within the community to fix these problems, but in order for a real change to happen we think you should use your power to start making positive changes. Out of all of the particulate pollution, Diesel is the leading cause of damage. If this plan is passed, it is projected that Diesel pollution will be greatly reduced and that is what we want to begin improving air quality in our community and the Bay Area.

Thank you,



Kimberly Callison



Wilita Sanguma

Guidelines for writing a letter to the CARB Board:

- 1) Identify yourselves (youth, from what town, school, suffer from asthma, etc.).
- 2) State your position, make recommendations, and/or request support for the implementation of the Diesel Risk Reduction Plan.
- 3) Back it up with facts and personal stories.
- 4) Type it up at one of the computers or keyboards available here today.

Poster Elements:

- 1) Have brief description (can be text, drawings, etc) of who is responsible for air quality regulation and enforcement at the Federal and State level.
- 2) Show data from all participating schools.
- 3) Add data from agencies – county asthma data from California Breathing report and PM10 data from Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- 4) Summary of Diesel Risk Reduction Plan
- 5) Personal experiences
- 6) Use any other interesting facts you learned today.