

May 16, 2007

Robert F. Sawyer, Ph.D.
Chairman
California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
Sacramento, CA 95812-2815

Re: Proposed Rule on In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles - OPPOSE

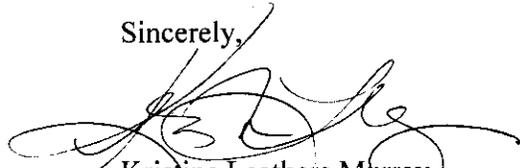
Dear Chairman Sawyer,

On behalf of the Orange County Business Council, representing more than 300 business members, which employ approximately 200,000 people in Orange County, I am writing to oppose the California Air Resources Board's proposed rule of In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicles.

As drafted, the proposed regulations would have devastating impacts on construction, mining, and other affected industries and government agencies. The cost of converting equipment to meet the proposed standard, the lack of available technology, and the aggressive schedule for implementation would likely have severe and unmanageable economic impacts. These regulations would only compound the massive infrastructure issues the state is currently facing and delay vital public works projects funded by the infrastructure bonds passed by the voters last November.

The Business Council supports environmental regulations that are based on sound science that will produce achievable, cost-effective, and measurable benefits to public health and the environment. On behalf of Orange County's business community, we urge the Air Resources Board to consider a more reasonable and practical approach to accomplishing its diesel emission objectives.

Sincerely,


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Vice President, Government and Community Affairs