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May 31, 2007

Clerk of the Board
California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: PROPOSED REGULATION FOR IN-USE OFF-ROAD DIESEL VEHICLES

Dear Clerk:

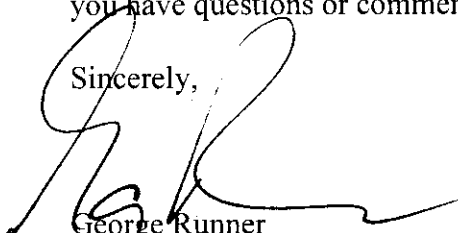
I respectfully request the Air Resources Board (ARB) to reconsider the adoption of a regulation to reduce emissions of diesel particulate matter (diesel PM) and oxides of nitrogen (NOx) from in-use off-road diesel vehicles that operate in California.

While reducing emissions is extremely important, the accelerated timeline proposed in the draft rule will negatively affect many of the state's construction firms. The rule was originally proposed in 2000 with timelines based on that year. As I understand it, there is currently no diesel engine that is capable of addressing both PM and NOx emissions. This lack of equipment and technology creates a serious barrier to compliance and needs to be taken into consideration when setting the timelines.

I strongly encourage the ARB to reconsider its staff recommendation to adopt the regulatory language as originally proposed and instead amend the language with timelines and requirements that reflect today's realities.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or my Chief of Staff, Will Smith, at (916) 651-4017 should you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,


George Runner
SENATOR, 17TH DISTRICT

cc: Dan Dunmoyer, Cabinet Secretary, Office of Governor Schwarzenegger
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