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California Air Resources Board
P.O. Box 2815
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Dear Members of the California Air Resources Board:

The Corky McMillin Companies have been in business since 1960. We employ over 700 people in California, hire dozens of construction companies who own off-road diesel equipment and we also own several pieces of off-road diesel construction equipment.

The Air Resources Board (ARB) is considering adoption of off-road diesel regulations which, as presently drafted, would have a profound, negative impact on home building costs, on California's infrastructure rebuilding efforts, on the health of the state's construction industry and California's overall economy.

The Corky McMillin Companies are very supportive of reducing particulate matter (PM) and NOx emissions from diesel engines. Using the Carl Moyer funds over the past five years in Southern California alone, the construction industry has replaced more than 1,000 high polluting engines, resulting in a reduction of more than 3,787 tons of pollution every year; many of these forward thinking companies work for us.

However, the proposed rule forces 20 years of changes (as originally planned in 2000) into only 11 or 12 years. This cannot be done without devastating the construction industry resulting in the loss of many high-wage jobs. This will also have a huge negative impact on already-high housing prices, as prices are tied to costs.

The industry needs five more years to allow Tier 4 technology to become available to solve this problem. This will give diesel engine manufacturers time to catch-up with California's progressive air quality standards and help contractors amortize the massive expense of purchasing new equipment over a longer period.

Very truly yours,

Mark Carpenter
Vice President

Cc: Governor Arnold Schwartzenneger, State Capitol, Sacramento, CA 95814