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Subject: Proposed New Regulations
In-Use Off-Road Diesel Vehicle/Equipment

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a single mother supporting 7, I'm worried that I will soon be losing my bookkeeping job for a contractor that owns and runs off-road diesel equipment.

My employer has up to 50+ people at any given time. If this proposed regulation is approved retroactively, it will have negative impact on his business and the California economy. Employees may be forced to hit the unemployment lines and they and their families would no longer have company health benefits. They may then be forced to join the California Welfare and Medi-Cal programs to ensure they and their families have a roof over their heads, food on their plates and medical care. This will be the same for many businesses, which will be forced to reduce their fleet, move their business out of California or close their business doors.

The California Air Resources Board's proposed regulations are not realistic. The regulations would require that we re-power or retrofit all of our engines to Tier 3, and then, when the new technology is developed for Tier 4, we would have to replace all of our Tier 3 engines with the Tier 4 engines. At this time, there are no diesel engines capable of addressing particulate matter and NOx. The lack of equipment technology will seriously hinder compliance.

Yes, we all know we need to reduce emissions, but I firmly believe we can achieve this by moving forward, rather than going backwards. The financial burden on contractors and the economy will be astronomical if this regulation becomes effective retroactively. I am all for reducing particulate matter and NOx from off-road diesel engines. I believe that each and every person needs to work together to improve air quality. Reducing particulate matter and NOx from off-road diesel engines is critical, but common sense must be used.

Please re evaluate these proposed regulations.

Regards,

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